



Parsippany Patter February 2024



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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

February is the shortest month of the year, but it has been the busiest month for our Club.

On **February 21** we are co-sponsoring a program with the Parsippany Library on Alzheimer's. Did you know that it is more common in woman? Sign up on the Parsippany Library's web site to participate in this very important subject. Cathy Haney is chairing the Highland District Spelling Bee on February 24. Come support the students.

The **March** winds will keep us busy with many more activities. Members will be busy with "Read Across America Dr. Seuss." We will be reading and donating books to the Parsippany Main Library, the Lake Hiawatha Library, the Parsippany Day Care and the Morris County Head Start Program located in Parsippany.

We will also be meeting to make our no-sew blankets for Project Linus. The blankets are given to children in our local hospitals.

We will also be having our International Dinner at Auld Shebeen for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration on **March 12th**.

These are just a few things that will be happening in the next month. Read the information in the Patter that will have more details.

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Federation Secretary: Joan Garbarino

There are several district and state events coming up in the next few months that you may be interested in attending:

- Highlands District Spelling Bee on **February 24** at 10:00 at the Rockaway Assembly of God on 113 East Main Street, Rockaway
- Civic Engagement and Outreach Day on **March 7** at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. Refer to the email from Susan Byrne for more detail.
- Highlands District Arts Performing Day is on **March 13**, at the Madison Community House in Madison. Registration begins at 10 am. Please let me know if you are interested in attending by February 28. Come and support fellow club members as they perform live on stage!
- Highlands District Spring Conference & Achievement Day on **April 10**. More information will be sent out shortly for those who wish to attend.
- NJSFWC 130th Convention in Atlantic City – **May 6-8**. If you would like to attend one or more days, please let me know.

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.



Programs: Lois Preis White

For our March program, we will be making those famous No-Sew Blankets for Project Linus that Marilyn Zarzycki has been so anxious about. The date is Monday, **March 18**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Parsippany Library Main Branch (no need to sign up as this is our Club's event.) In preparation for this event, you will need 1 and 1/2 yards of fleece material which is available at Walmart in the sewing section; or at Joann Fabrics (they sell kits, as well). A long ruler, masking tape or painter's tape (the blue tape) and a pair of sharp scissors. You will receive an email from me with directions. Hope to see you there.

Communication: Joan Garbarino

Would you like to win \$25 gift card for ShopRite? We're looking to update the cover photo on the main page of the Club website. Here's what you need to do:

- Take a photo that represents Parsippany – or submit a photo you have taken in the past – must be your own picture – only one entry per club member please! Submit the photo via email to me by **April 1, 2024**
- Photos will be sent to club members to vote on anonymously. You can email or text me your choice.
- Winner will be announced at the Installation Dinner/Salad Supper in May.

As the new year starts, please remember 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 all the great things we do!



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

This month we gathered and celebrated for a social time and enjoyed delicious food at Annabella's Pizza & Restaurant. Our proceeds for this event amounted to \$250 - WOW! Words of thanks and appreciation to Club members who participated in this Dine-to-Donate event.

Cash for Causes is active in February. Please continue to buy gift cards from the Club for Stop & Shop and ShopRite. You purchase the cards at list price, and we earn a 5% profit from the sales. This is a very successful fundraiser that is simple to do. Our profits for this month amounted to \$197.50. You made this possible! Thanks a bunch!

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

Our 2023 scrapbook is complete and down at NJSFWC Headquarters waiting to be judged at Convention in May. A big thank you for all the help. So now it is time to start collecting items for our 2024 scrapbook. Start collecting items from the Woman's Club events you attend such as booklets, name tags, photo's etc. You can give them to me at any meeting or get in touch with me and I can pick them up. We will have our first cropping in April. More info will follow as the time gets closer.

Arts Creative: Ivy Ertle - Chair Arts Creative

Highlands District Spring Conference and Achievement Day will be on **April 10th**. PLEASE ENSURE THAT REGISTRATION FORM(S) ARE TO LOIS PREIS-WHITE NO LATER THAN **MARCH 30th**. I will be sending an email out with the entry form and rules.

The International Dinner at Auld Shebeen will be held on **March 12th** at 6:30. Please let Ivy know via text at 718-364-1607 or at the meeting, if you are interested in coming by **February 26th**. Please sign your text so I know who you are.

Save the Date: **May 18th** Barn Theater – “Something Rotten.” More info to come ...



Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Food Pantry

Please help support our community by donating to the Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. **The most needed items right now are breakfast cereal, oatmeal, pancake flour, pancake syrup, pop tarts pasta sauce in jars, canned fruits, and shelf-stable milk including dried milk.**

Donations can be brought to our General Meeting and one of the club members will take the items to the food pantry. Please be sure to include the value of the dated items for reporting purposes.

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 further. 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.

Literature: Janet Reilly

Our next meeting will be held at Bernadette Cicchino's home on Tuesday, **March 5** at 1:00 PM. The current book we are reading is *The Four Winds* by Kirsten Hannah. Happy reading.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

I would like to thank Teri and Ronnie, and all of the members for their generosity for JBWS “bug” dilemma. Teri, Ronnie and I helped to empty the affected items. The members donated approximately \$200 worth of cereals, snacks, rice, pasta to fill their pantry. Very appreciative of all the help we received!

I will keep a box in my driveway for JBWS donations. It is easier than bringing them to a meeting! Items needed to restock the pantry: Snacks, juice boxes, Rice, Pasta and Household cleaning products.

March list of needs: Umbrellas, individual nose tissues, and household paper products.

The snowstorm postponed our chocolate making event until 2/20 but we finally got to make chocolate with the residents!



Nominating Committee: Ivy Ertle, Chair

Slate of Officers for Club Year 2024/2025 &-2025/2026

Voting will take place at March's General Meeting:

President – Cathy Haney

1st Co-Vice Presidents - Mary Ann Coyne/Chris Sinner

2nd Co-Vice Presidents - Janice Carruba/Ginny Scala

Secretary - Karen Savis

Treasurer - Susan Byrne

Health and Wellness: Marilyn Marion

I am still collecting eyeglasses, hearing aides and old jewelry. Eye glass cases are no longer needed.

February is Healthy Health Month, **let's all wear red to the meeting on February 26** to honor Healthy Hearts.

I also have Vial of Life packets. Everyone should have one. It is a form you fill out with all your medical history, including a list of the medicines you take. There is a stick-on decal that goes on your refrigerator, which in case of emergency the EMT will be able to get your history for faster and accurate medical assistance. You should fill it out for every member of your family. Please see me at the meeting for your packet.

I am also the one running the Dark Horse drawing. If you would like to take part in the drawing, it is \$5.00 a month and the prize is always worth more than that. The proceeds are for the Education Department.



Valentine's Cookies:

Members met at Marilyn M's house to pack Valentine's cookies made by the Club's members. Cookies are going to the Firemen's Home in Boonton and the Country Home on Rt 53 in Denville.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 21 Ann Claussen
- 22 Helen Lubertazzi
- 28 Betsy Lowry

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

Hello ladies! Hope everyone is doing well after our little snowfall. Our January meeting was very exciting as we installed 3 new members for the new year, 2024. We welcomed Nanda, Helene and Theresa. Looking forward to getting to know more about you as we volunteer together.

We will be installing Jalini, another new member at our **February 26th meeting at Fire House 6**. See you all then.



Advocate for Children: Marilyn Zarzycki

We are collecting tabs from cans for the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick NJ, as well as the front of cards for St Jude Ranch in Nevada. Please remember that they will not accept Hallmark, American Greeting or Disney cards.

We will be getting together on **March 18** from 6:30 to 8:45 at the Parsippany Library to make No Sew blankets for Project Linus. These blankets are donated for the children in local hospitals.

Club 70th Anniversary Celebration: Cathy Cerbo and Janet Reilly

Our club is celebrating our 70th anniversary this year! What a very special occasion to celebrate our numerous accomplishments. The party will be on Sunday, **April 21st** at Bruno's Italian Bistro on Route 10. The luncheon will start at 1pm and our entertainment will be the Parsippany Hills HS Jazz Band. Please join your fellow club members and federation sisters that day! \$45 per person due to Janet Reilly by **April 7th**. **RSVP** at the February & March general meetings. Invitation to go out in a separate e-mail.