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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

Happy Spring!

A big decision by the Fundraising committee has been made. Due to difficulties in finding a place to hold a Bingo Fundraiser, it was decided this year our fundraiser will be a Beef Steak Dinner. The date will remain the same, **July 16** and will be at the PAL Building. Cathy Haney will be reporting on this at the March General Meeting. Please mark your calendars and offer to pitch in to help Cathy.

**March 25th** is our General Meeting. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Salad Supper/ Installation Dinner on **May 20th**. It seems like a long time from now, however with a heavy schedule for April and the first part of May, it will be here before you know it. **April 8** is the final meeting of our present board members, the new board members will have their first meeting on **May 13th**. The Full board meeting consists of Community Service Program Chairmen, Standing Committee Chairmen and Special Committee Chairmen. The Full board is when the chairmen bring any projects or ideas they have for the coming club year for open discussions with the board members and if necessary, get approval if required.

**April 10** is Achievement Day. Joan Garbarino is handling reservations. I do hope we have a good showing of our members in attendance. **April 21st** is the club's 70th Anniversary Celebration, again this is your club, please try to attend. Janet Reilly and Cathy Cerbo are the chairmen, please see them if you have any questions. **April 30** is the Hudson River Cruise, this should be a fun day. **May 5-8** is the NJSFWC Convention in Atlantic City. Joan, Lois Preis White and Marilyn Marion will be attending. Let's hope we can bring home some report winners. This convention is special for the Highlands District, Denville's Barbara McCloskey will be installed as the NJSFWC State President. Barbara has always been a good friend to our club, and we wish her luck in her new role.

In the meantime, many groups like the Literature members, Education committee members, fundraiser and special committee members will still be meeting.

Our best,

The Marilyn's

### Federation Secretary: Joan Garbarino

Please consider signing up for the 1894 Society. Your donation helps pay for the land rental of the NJSFWC Headquarters Building on the Rutgers Campus in New Brunswick. It's a lovely building housing the history of our Federation. Let me know if you need a form and I will get you one.

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.



### Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

Our Club celebrated Read Across America & Dr Seuss birthday by reading to 137 children at the Lake Hiawatha, Parsippany Library, Morris County Day Care and Parsippany Child Day Care. Eighteen of our members participated and dressed in Dr Seuss attire. At the Lake Hiawatha Library we read "Green Eggs & Ham" and the kids did a green eggs & ham craft with paints. It got wonderfully messy. Our members had as much fun as the children! We also donated 30 books which were "greatly appreciated."

**Friends of the Library** - The Friends of the Parsippany Library is made up of people who believe that the library is the heart of the community. Susan Byrne & Kathy Schroeder have taken this to heart and are volunteering at the library. If you are looking for something to do, volunteering at the library is satisfying for you and beneficial for the library.

### Education and Library Fundraiser: Cathy Haney

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### Communication: Joan Garbarino

Don't forget to enter our website cover photo contest! The prize is a \$25 ShopRite gift card. You don't have to be a "world renown" photographer, just share a favorite photo you took somewhere in Parsippany. See the details below:

- 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.

Please remember to send pictures from club events for posting on social media, the Patter, and our club scrapbook to Janice Carrubba, Kathy Reilly, and myself. It helps if you send pertinent details including what the event is, when and where it was held, etc. This way we can preserve our club history, keep members up to date on what other members are doing, and spread the word to the community about the great things we do.



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

Cash for Causes continues to be a very effective way for our Club to generate funds. Proceeds for March amounted to \$206.25! Take advantage of this premium opportunity to help our Club by purchasing gift cards for Shop Rite and Stop n Shop.

Save the dates! In May, we have a Dine to Donate event scheduled for Wednesday, **May 15th** and Thursday, **May 16th** at the Bonefish Grill in Pine Brook. More information will follow in April.

### Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

Please remember to send all photos taken at any Woman's Club events or activities to me. We will be having a cropping sometime in May. It will be in the afternoon, around 1:00 at my house, 20 Golf Lane, East Hanover. The date will be in April patter. Remember, no experience is needed, and I have all the supplies.

### Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

**Eagle Scout Award** – Ananya Kasarla from Parsippany Troop 72 recently became an Eagle Scout. She is Parsippany's first female Eagle Scout! Betty attended the ceremony on March 10th and presented Ananya with a certificate and check from our club.

**CEO Day** – Joan, Marilyn M. and I attended CEO day on March 7th in Manalapan, NJ. We enjoyed listening to speakers from AARP Fraud Awareness, NJ Run for the Fallen, Operation Jersey Cares and The Monmouth County Office of Aging.

Here are a few tips from AARP to avoid scams:

- Don't answer the phone if you don't know who is calling
- Monitor all credit card and bank account statements
- Do not use public Wi-Fi that is unsecure
- Check your credit report every year. You can obtain free credit reports from Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion
- AARP offers a fraud hotline 877-908-3360 for anyone needing assistance (AARP member or not)

**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 donated 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 farther. The next mailing of coupons will be at the **end of June**. Only manufacturer's coupons dated March 1st or later will be collected. Please remember to sort your clipped coupons into food, non-food, baby, and pet.



### Environment: Janet Reilly

Reminder, free town wide shredding is scheduled for **April 20th** at Parsippany town hall from 9:00 AM to noon.

### Special State Project – Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Cathy Haney

There will be a *Spring Luncheon* to benefit ECF at the Belleville Senior Center on **Sunday, April 7th**, at 2 PM, including raffle baskets and a 50/50. Cost is \$40. Send your check to NJSFWC, earmarked for Northern NJ SSP Fundraiser. Several members have already made reservations to attend. We can carpool.

Reminder: NJSFWC is conducting two raffles to benefit ECF, a dollhouse (tickets \$25) and a quilt (tickets \$10). Winners will be drawn at Convention. If you want to buy tickets for either item, you can give me the money, and I'll buy tickets for you at the Highlands District Spring Conference and Achievement Day on April 10.



### Arts Creative: Ivy Ertle

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**.

There will be an international lunch at Mr. Yellow Pepper on **April 18th** at 12:30pm. Mr. Yellow Pepper is located at 450 N. Beverwyck Road, Parsippany, NJ, 07054. Mr. Yellow Pepper serves authentic Peruvian dishes with a wide variety of international flavors infused. If you will be attending this luncheon please email or text Ivy by **April 4th**.

**CHANGE OF DATE: Sunday May 19th** at 2:00pm Barn Theater – "Something Rotten." Tickets are currently \$30.00 a piece. Group Ticket Price is pending the number of attendees. Join afterwards for dinner at Columbia Inn. Please let Ivy know ASAP but no later than **April 5th** if you will be attending the play and the dinner, as tickets need to be bought before they are gone.

### Arts Performing: Janet Reilly

We performed our skit at the Madison Community House on March 13th. The Thursday Morning Club hosted the event. Our skit was titled "Happiness Is." We were happy to have a few members come to support us and cheer us on. We hope to perform at our next general meeting. Maybe we can encourage some new members to join us next year.

Literature: Janet Reilly

The current book we are reading is "The Secrets We Kept" by Lara Prescott. Our next meeting will be held at Marilyn Zarzycki's home on **April 2nd, 1:00 PM**. Please let her know if you will be coming.

Remember, reading is good for the mind and the soul!

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

The Club's display is at the main library until the end of the month, stop by and check it out.

Just a reminder ladies, Club DUES of \$45 is due **April 1, 2024**. You can bring a check to our March 25th meeting or mail it to Janice or Ginny. Our addresses are in the yearbook. If you are no longer interested in staying with the Club, an email has to be sent to Janice or Ginny informing them of your resignation. We surely hope everyone will rejoin our Club.



Health and Wellness: Marilyn Marion

I am still collecting eyeglasses, hearing aides and old jewelry, as well as empty clean coffee cans.

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



Diana Craig	9
Lorraine Steinberger	15
Eileen Healion	25
Ginny Scala	27

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.



Club 70th Anniversary Celebration: Cathy Cerbo and Janet Reilly

The 70th Club anniversary party will be on Sunday, **April 21st** at Bruno's Italian Bistro on Route 10, at 1:00pm. The cost is \$45 – so if you have not already RSVP's, please see Cathy or Janet by **April 7th** or at the March general meeting.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

The month of March has been slow going for JBWS. Jayne Murphy-Morris, Volunteer Coordinator at JBWS, has moved needs around. I am helping to drive clients to Shop Rite on Mondays, which Ronnie used to do. Ronnie is now helping at the other location right in Parsippany.

There will be an evening of activities that we are all assisting with. More information to follow. The chocolate making with fruit and pretzels was a huge success!

As always, JBWS could use snacks for the "snack eating" children (chips, cookies, gummies, etc.). They also asked for small packs of tissues. I will keep the empty tote in front of my garage door for easy drop off!



## WCPTH GALLERY



Display case at the Parsippany Library – Membership Co-Chairs Ginny Scala and Janice Carrubba



Ananya Kasarla – first female Eagle Scout in Parsippany



First Place Winner Riya Patel from Parsippany

The Highlands District  
**Spelling Bee**  
February 24, 2024



Riya with second place winner Luca Nero Graziano from West Morris, and Zachary Grasso from Denville third place.



Members made no-sew blankets for Project Linus on March 18th

**HANDS ACROSS AMERICA READING WEEK  
AND DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY  
(March 6-19, 2024)**



Books donated to Mt Tabor Library to celebrate Dr Seuss and Reading Across America.



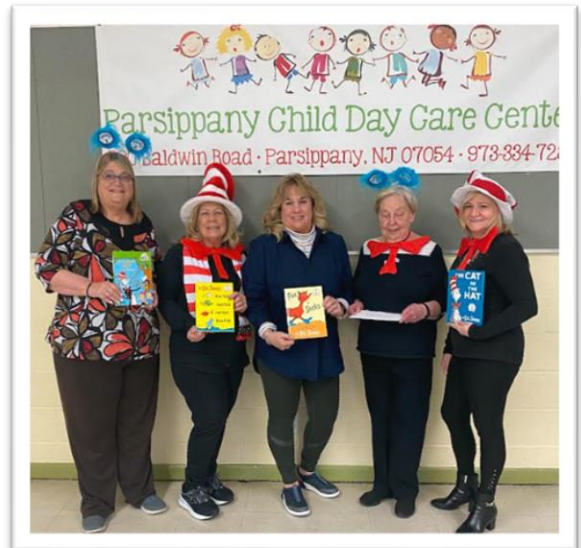
Dr. Seuss reading at the Lake Hiawatha Library (above and below)



Pictures from Morris County Head Start - holding books we donated.



Pictures from the Main Library



Pictures from The Parsippány Child Day Care Center