



## Par - Troy Patter April 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**

What a wonderful afternoon we had together Sunday, celebrating our Club's 70th Anniversary. From the Decorations, to the food, to the Jazz Band performance, it was all perfect. The room was filled with So much conversation and laughter. What made it more special was knowing that we all enjoy each others company and are willing to work together to assist others in our community and elsewhere.

We have so much planned in the coming months, we hope everyone will attend:

- Our Salad Supper and Installation of Officers to be held at the Elks Club at Parsippany Rd, **May 20th**
- The NJSWC convention **May 5-8**, which will be attended by some of our members.
- And most Importantly, our Raffle and Beefsteak Dinner on Tuesday, **July 16<sup>th</sup>** at the PAL Building, which will raise money for our Education and Library fund.

We'll see you all at our business meeting on **Monday April 29th** at the District 6 Fire House. Be proud that you belong to the Woman's Club of Parsippany Troy Hills.

Our best,

The Marilyn's



### Federation Secretary: Joan Garbarino

I took this from the NJSFWC website (NJSFWC.org) as a reminder that we are part of a larger group of dedicated women volunteers. Our club is proudly part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

#### **Mission**

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC provides opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others one project at a time.

#### **Vision**

To be recognized as the premier statewide volunteer organization that provides structure and support in pursuit of community service.

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The goal of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is to enhance the quality of life within our respective communities and state by transforming public interests and concerns into meaningful projects and programs; to afford our members opportunities for the development of individual skills, talents and abilities; and to serve as a grassroots volunteer resource in New Jersey communities.

This was taken from the General Federation of Women's Clubs website (GFWC.org).

#### **Our Mission**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



### Communication: Joan Garbarino

Thanks to everyone who entered the website "Photo Contest." Shortly, I will be sending out the pictures so you can vote for your favorite. The winner will be announced at the Salad Supper / Installation Dinner on **May 20th**.

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.

### Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser: Cathy Haney

Dinner will be at the PAL Building on **Tuesday, July 16**. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Cost is \$50 per person; advance sales only. Tables for 8 available. Reservation forms will be sent to members shortly. We'll also have a 50/50, the drawing of the winner of our annual Education Raffle and a small Basket Raffle.

#### **Basket Raffle:** (from Mary Ann Coyne & Terry Gerber)

Prizes in each basket will be valued at a minimum of \$100. Since we don't need the volume of donations that we had in the past, we will be soliciting only from chosen donors. We will request some members to solicit these donors and request an item from them. If you choose to create your own basket, it will be most welcome; please make sure the value is at least \$100. Also, our goal is to have 2 baskets of cheer. Your donations of wine, alcohol and small size snacks will be appreciated. Or, if you would like to donate a purse, that would also make a popular basket. After all donations are in, the baskets or picture frames will be assembled. Club members have always displayed an unparalleled blend of energy, excitement, and excellence for all of our major Fundraisers. Our goals are set, and we need your help to complete them.

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

Seven members attended the ECF Spring Luncheon on April 7th. We had a lovely time, and a few of us won prizes. Tickets are still available for the Quilt Raffle (\$5 per ticket) or the magnificent Dollhouse Raffle (\$25 per ticket). If you want to take a chance, bring your money to the April 29 meeting. Winning tickets will be drawn at the NJSFWC Convention in May.

### Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

**Eagle Scout Awards** – Tyler Geddes and Eashan Iyer from Parsippany Troop 173 recently became Eagle Scouts. Marianne Burke attended the ceremony on April 13th and presented a certificate and check from our club.

**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, 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.

**Grant** – A grant application has been filed with Blue Foundry Bank. If we receive the grant, the funds will be donated to the Parsippany Volunteer Ambulance Squad to purchase devices to monitor patient's vitals while being transported to the hospital.

### Literature: Janet Reilly

The next meeting has a change of date. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **May 14th** at Angie Barone's home at 1:00 PM. Let Angie know if you will be attending. We will discuss the current book we are reading, *Dear Edward*, by Ann Napolitano. We will also be deciding where our June outing will be. Bring ideas and information. Enjoy your reading.

### Environment: Janet Reilly

There is an informative website put out by the official site of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on Sustainability - [NJDEP Sustainability | Food Waste Toolkit](#).

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

It will be the "catch" of the day! Please join us for our next Dine to Donate which will be at the Bonefish Grill on Wednesday, **May 15th** and Thursday **May 16th**. You can eat in or take out and gift card purchases do count towards the proceeds. You must present the flyer that was emailed to you.

Cash for Causes had a banner month. Our proceeds totaled \$452.50! That's a WOW! Thanks for all of your help and support with this fundraiser. See you in September for our next Cash for Causes event!

### Membership: 2nd Vice-Presidents Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

We continue to get feedback from our activities in getting the word out about our Club through social media.

One important note to new members -- there are many events open to all at the District level. For instance, our recent Achievement Day, held at Centenary College, is just one example. Part of the meeting was hearing from each Club as to what they have done during the year. Awards were given out, of which Parsippany received a few. Barbara McCloskey, our soon to be State President from Rockaway, was the keynote speaker. Barbara gave a wonderful presentation on the Collect. Lunch followed, and awards were presented to the winners for their entries. There too, we won a few.

We should get to know more about what we are as a District. I have always tried to attend the District events, and now when I see some of these ladies their faces have become familiar.

These events are not always doable with our busy lives. Ask any member that has attended and they will help new members as well as others who have not attended these events.

See you at our April 29th meeting!



### Health and Wellness: Marilyn Marion

What can you do for the Health and Wellness Department?

- Donate used eyeglasses for the Lions Club
- Donate old, no longer wanted jewelry for New Eyes for the Needy. (They clean and repair them then sell them in their store. You can look them up on the Web).
- Get your Vile of Life packet from this Chairman (This is a much-needed item for all households, you never know when an emergency might occur - be prepared!)

This is a very small part of what this department is all about. If you're interested in learning more information about this department, please contact me.

### Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

**Raffle Tickets** - We will be delivering to you 2 books of 10 tickets each of Raffle tickets to be sold for the Education Fund. Each book is \$10.00. Please sell as many as you can. Return the leftover tickets, stubs, cash or check made out to WCPTH, to Betty Lagitch by **June 21st**. Be sure the name and phone number are clearly written on each ticket. Call me at 201-602-8926 to arrange dropping them off, for me to pick up or bring them to our club meetings or gatherings. The drawing is **July 16th** at our Beefsteak Dinner fundraiser.

**Books:** Reminder to let me know if you donate books, how many, and to which organization.

**National Library Appreciation Week:** Thank you to all members who helped celebrate Librarian Appreciation Week by baking goodies, bringing snacks and other items to the Parsippany and Lake Hiawatha libraries. The highlight of the day was our donation of \$4,500 to the Children & Teen libraries, enabled by the monies raised at our Tricky Tray, Raffle and other fundraisers. A big Thank You to those who worked so hard at our fundraiser activities.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Marianne Burke 14th

### Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

We have been busy with JBWS needs. Volunteering to retrieve phone messages, taking clients to Shop Rite or Walmart weekly, as well as participating in monthly activities for the children.

Teri, Ronnie and I have been deciding what to bring for Mother's Day. Currently, there are 35 mothers in residence. Last year, we "potted" some succulents for each mother. Our volunteer director, Jayne, at JBWS has recommended SPF face lotion, face wash, bath & body works spray perfume "mist". We are researching the Dollar Tree to get sufficient quantities to cover everyone. We think we will only get 2 items for each mother. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to respond. Or if you would like to donate a few items, the JBWS tote box remains in front of my garage for drop offs. Thank you!

In addition, there are a total of 40 children at Safe House and Transitional Housing. 10 of these children are under 2 years old! They are in need of baby wipes, baby diapers, baby snacks, pacifiers, burp clothes, bibs, teething rings. These items can also be left in the box in front of my garage.

If any one could assist me in trying to get Grant Money for JBWS, we would appreciate it. Thank you!

### Special Program: Terry Gerber

I have just mailed an envelope with all the cancelled stamps collected in the last year. I mail them to the American Philatelic Society Youth Program.

### Arts and Culture: Ivy Ertle

By the time this is published, we will have had an international luncheon at Mr. Yellow Pepper. I hope everyone who attended had a great meal.

Our next event is "Something Rotten" at the Barn Theater on May 19th at 2pm. The group is also going to enjoy a meal at the Columbia Inn afterwards. Unfortunately, the reservation deadline for this event has passed. This has become a yearly event.

I am planning to hold a year ending international dinner in June. Keep a look out for further details. All suggestions for future events are welcome.



## **APRIL GALLERY OF EVENTS**



Members Terry Higgins, Ginny Scala, Cathy Haney, Linda Laidlaw, Joan Garbarino, Ronnie Fagen and Eileen Healion attended the NJSFWC State Special Project Spring Luncheon to Benefit the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.



March Dark Horse Winner – Betsy Lowry



Marianne Burke and Eagle Scouts Tyler Geddes and Eashan Iyer



WCPTH members celebrating Library Worker Appreciation Week



Janice & Ginny honoring club members Cathy Haney, Mary Ann Coyne, Ginny Scala, Bernadette Cicchino and Karen De Cristopher for their 10 years with the club. They each received a succulent.



## **APRIL GALLERY OF EVENTS**



WCPTH members joined Liberty District Vice President, Joan Murdoch at the Women's Club of Arlington's annual author event featuring author's Helene Stapinski and Bonnie Ziegler.



**Above:** Riya Patel, from Northvail School in Parsippany took First Place in the State Spelling Bee Championship (Shown with Cathy Haney, Mary Ann Coyne and Marilyn Marion.).



**Left:** New member Alona Reyes installed March 25<sup>th</sup> (pictured with Ginny and Janice)



Members attended the Highlands District Spring Conference & Achievement Day, April 10. Pictured standing (l-r) Cathy Haney, Marilyn Marion, Janice Carrubba, Ginny Scala, Marily Zarzycki, Mary Ann Coyne, Joan Garbarino. Seated (l-r) are Lois Preis-White, Betty Lagitch and Susan Byrne.



**WOMAN'S CLUB OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS**

**70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

**APRIL 21, 2024**

