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"Together in Service; United in Friendship"
Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President

A Message from Our Club President Cathy Haney

Looking backward, I think our Beefsteak Dinner in July was a success, thanks to the efforts of so many of you! The "Make a Difference Monday" at the Gourmet Café was also a huge success, thanks to the owner's generosity and your support. As always, you responded generously to the collection of backpacks and school supplies for NJ Children's Alliance. You all donated almost \$750 worth of backpacks and items to fill them. Unfortunately, the Summer Social never happened because of the weather.

Now, let's look forward to all of our September activities:

- **September 9** - Full Board meeting (Executive Board plus department chairmen) at the Police Station.
- **September 11** – Highlands District Council at the Long Valley First Presbyterian Church, hosted by the Long Valley club, with our club helping to provide the refreshments. Please see Marilyn Marion's email dated 8/13 for the details and let her know by 9/5 if you plan to attend this daytime meeting. At the meeting, body wash, shampoo and laundry detergent will be collected for Prevent Child Abuse NJ.
- **September 15** – Parsippany Fall Festival at Smith Field. Some members are already working on our Club's booth for this event. Everyone, please come out that afternoon to support us and enjoy the festivities.
- **September 23** – General Meeting at the District 6 Firehouse.
- **September 28** – GFWC Day of Service Food Collection at Foodtown. This will benefit the Parsippany Food Pantry. Susan Byrne will share the details.
- **September 30** – Coloring and Crafts Evening at the Police Station. Lois Preis White will tell us all about it.
- **** OPERATION HOLIDAY STOCKING** – Contact Eileen Healion if you want stockings to fill for our troops.

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Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Save The Date – The GFWC National Day of Service to help solve food insecurity in the US will be held on Saturday, **September 28th**. Our club will hold a food drive to support the Parsippany Food Pantry. It will be held at Foodtown in Lake Hiawatha from 9am to 2pm. Volunteers will be needed to make signs, to collect food the day of the drive, and to bring the donations to the food pantry on Monday. I will send out an email in early September for members to sign up.

Coupons – Please continue to clip coupons to support our troops overseas. Coupons should have an expiration date of July 1, 2024 or later and sorted into food, non-food, pet and baby.

Coffee Cans - We need one pound coffee cans for the Club's annual candy/cookie project. For the newer members, this is a project where we decorate coffee cans with wrapping paper and pack them with homemade cookies and candy for local nursing homes and the Fireman's Home in Boonton. This packing takes place after the general meeting in November. It is one of our favorite projects. Please give the coffee cans to Marilyn Marion.

Communication: Joan Garbarino

Does anyone have any ideas about additional ways we can communicate information about our club and what we do for the community? If you have any upcoming events, please make sure to get me any information, flyers, and/or pictures as soon as you can. Information about upcoming events will be posted to various media sources including Parsippany Focus, Parsippany Patch, Facebook, Instagram, and our club website. I also send many of the things we do to NJSFWC to be posted on the Federation Facebook page.

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.

Federation: Marilyn Marion

What are the duties of the Federation Secretary? The Federation Secretary is appointed by the incoming President. Our club elections are held every 2 years, this position if offered to the outgoing president, if she chooses to accept it. The Federation Secretary shall report all activities and projects of the NJSFWC to the club. She shall be responsible for all contacts and correspondence between the Federation and the club, unless otherwise directed by the President.

All seven members that signed-up to attend the Lobster Shanty fundraiser in Point Pleasant understand it was sold out within two weeks of the announcement coming out. Lesson learned, mail in the reservation within the first couple of days of the announcement. There was a very long waiting list and didn't get down as far as our club. We can try again next year.

An email was sent to all the members regarding the Highlands District Council meeting, which will be on **September 11** in Long Valley. Our Club is supplying the breakfast items. Please let me know if you will be attending, reservations are due by September 6. Car-pooling will be arranged. Cathy Haney will be bringing bagels, cream cheese, butter and fruit and asked if any member who signed up would like to bring something like muffins, coffee cake, fruit, etc. to please let her know.

September 28 is Day of Service; we should be getting more information in the next few weeks. **October 21** is NJSFWC State Fall Conference. This year it will be held at the APA Hotel in Woodbridge. This is a closer drive for us and will be in the daytime. Details will be sent as they are received. Also mark your calendars for **November 17**, 130th Celebration from 12:00 – 4:00 at NJSFWC Headquarters and **December 4** is GFWC Holiday Open House in Washington DC. The best way to learn about this wonderful Federation we belong to is by attending State and District functions. While we understand it is impossible to attend daytime events if you are still employed, you can go the NJSFWC website where there is an abundance of information. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Literature: Janet Reilly

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 10** at the main library at 1:00 PM. I have a room reserved so that we can meet to discuss which book kits we want to read for the upcoming year. Let me know if you will be attending. Hope you all had a great summer of reading as I did.

Education & Library Committee: Betty Lagitch

Raffle Tickets: A big "Thank You" to all of you who sold your own tickets and also those of you who assisted selling at the store. Total tickets sales was \$3059. That will certainly help our Scholarship fund. This year we gave \$9,000 in Scholarships to High School seniors. Other Awards were 8th grade Citizenship \$450 and 5th grade Reading \$500. Because of your hard work in fundraising, we give donations to many students, children, libraries and community organizations.

Book Donations: Reminder to send me the number of books you donate and the name of the organization.

Our busy new year will begin in September. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Special State Project: Marilyn Zarzycki

Thank you to all our members who donated school supplies, backpacks or gave monetary donations. In all 40 backpacks filled with school supplies were delivered to NJSFWC Headquarters. A big thank you to Cathy Haney and Joan Garbarino for helping me with this project.

Arts and Culture: Ivy Ertle

By the time this is published, we will be approaching the end of summer and gearing up for the new club year.

We begin with Arts and Culture along with our first program of the year, for a night of Adult Coloring on **September 30th**.

Next is a combo of the Barn Theater's production of Pippin and an International Dinner on **November 17th**. The show starts at 2:00 pm. There has been an overwhelming response, unfortunately, signup is closed at this time. The international dinner will take place afterwards at the Tuscany Villa in Montville located at 223 Changebridge Road. Please let Ivy (917-364-1607) know if you are interested in attending.

Operation Holiday Stockings: Eileen Healion

We still have plenty of stockings that need to be filled. Members can contact Eileen Healion or Ronnie Fagan and we will be happy to get the stockings to you. We would like to collect them at the September meeting and deliver them to Headquarters mid-October to be shipped to our service men and women.

Ways & Means: First Vice Presidents Chris Sinner and Mary Ann Coyne

Make a Difference Monday on July 29th at the Gourmet Cafe' was a delightful and delicious experience. We thank you for your support and help in making our proceeds total \$340.

We know that our three R's are Rested, Rejuvenated and Ready to go; so start your engines and here we go!

Our Garage Sale is back by popular demand. You are all so anxious to donate items to the sale which will be Saturday, **October 5th** at Mary Ann Coyne's driveway (21 Southwood Drive, Morris Plains). Select articles that you no longer want, clean them up, price them fairly so they sell easily, and bring them to the above address **starting September 1st**. Please let us know if you have 6-foot tables we can use. There will be signup sheets at the September General meeting for members to sign up to help set up on Friday, October 4th and to work at the sale.

Secondly, get ready for our Autumn Fundraiser. Brochures for David's and Meadow Farms products will be distributed at our September General meeting, and it will **begin September 23rd and end on October 29th**. The selections are exciting and will get you thinking about your holiday shopping. If you will not be at the meeting, let us know and we will get the brochures to you.

Lastly, our Cash for Causes will be starting up again. An email will be sent to you with more information in a few days. Together we can continue to make our Club a wonderful place to experience the feeling of giving and volunteering in so many ways. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

Membership: 2nd Vice Presidents Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

Hi ladies! We hope you have had a wonderful summer doing exciting things or just catching up on life. Our new yearbook will be handed out at our September meeting. Please check to see if all your information is correct. If there is a correction let Janice or I know so we can alert our members of the change. We also will be welcoming a new member into our Club in September. Looking forward to seeing you all as we start a new year ahead getting to know more about each other and being involved in many programs and activities.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber, Teri Wohld, Ronnie Fagan

JBWS Activities continued through the summer! Now getting ready for Back to School. Thank you to all that donated through Amazon, such an easy way to make a difference!

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

Our first scrapbook cropping will be on Wednesday, **September 18**, 1:00pm at my house, 20 Golf Lane, East Hanover, 973-713-6114. I will send an email reminder the week before. I am working on a date to have an evening cropping in early November at the Community Room in the police station so you working ladies have a chance to join us.

Remember ladies NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. We will pair up so you don't have to worry that you never scrapbooked before. No need to bring anything unless you have a favorite pair of scissors you like to use, I have all the supplies and everything you will need. If you know that you can make it please let me know and if you decide that day please just show up. Hope to see some new faces.

Health and Wellness: Shalini Mehrotra

Let's Get Moving Initiative

As we all know, cardiovascular disease is the world's number one killer. NJSFWC has put out a challenge for its members to get moving. We can hold club wide walks and/or hold exercise classes. It will be great if all the members can log their walking/exercise hours and send them to me weekly or monthly so we can enter in the "Let's Get Moving" challenge!

Also, there is a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on **October 27th** on Century Drive in Parsippany to celebrate courage and Hope. It is an American Cancer Society event we can all participate in as a club. We can also donate as individuals or as WCPH.

Flyers for both are attached, please let me know if you have any interest in either.



Upcoming Events



- September 9 Full Board meeting, Police Station
- September 10 Literature Mtg at the Main Library
- September 11 Highlands District Council
- September 15 Parsippany Fall Festival
- September 18 Scrapbooking at Janice Carrubba's
- September 23 General Mtg at the #6 Firehouse
- September 23 Autumn Fundraiser Kick-off
- September 28 GFWC Day of Service
Food Collection at Foodtown
- September 30 Night of Adult Coloring
- October 5th Garage Sale at Mary Ann Coyne's
- November 17th Barn Theatre and Int'l Dinner



Ivy Ertle	2	Adrienne Satch	18
Janet Reilly	2	Angie Barone	19
Karen Cassidy	3	Linda Laidlaw	26
Lois Brown	14	Mary Ann Coyne	28

SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

Members selling raffle tickets raising money for Citizenship and Reading Awards and High School senior scholarships (6/30/24)



EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES



Kathy Schroeder presented a certificate and gift cards to two Troop 72 Eagle Scouts, Rahul Pemmasani (L) and Mark Schletter (R).

PLASTICS BENCH

Ladies from the Washington Woman's Club pictured with the bench that was made with the donated plastic our Club helped collect - and delivered to the Washington club thanks to Lee Maddocks, Addie Burke-Rufino and others.



WCPTH JULY-AUGUST GALLERY

BEEFSTEAK DINNER, JULY 16, 2024



The Beefsteak Dinner was a huge success! We had more than 150 attending. It wouldn't have been possible without all the help and attendance from our Club members.

