



## Par-Troy Patter October 2024



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

### *A Message from Our Club President Cathy Haney*

Our big news this month is that, for the rest of this club year, **we will have our general meetings at the main Parsippany library on Halsey Road, in Meeting Rooms A & B combined, on the lower level.** The library has plenty of parking spaces, and the lot is well-lit. The entrance is handicap-accessible. There is an elevator to the lower level. Members will be able to sit at tables during the meeting. The firefighters at District 6 were kind to let us use their facility, but I know we are glad to have a more comfortable place to meet.

One thing to note is that **we will have to begin our meetings at 6:30 PM in order to make sure we are finished by 8:45 PM** at the latest. The library building closes at 9 PM. I hope that members with jobs will be able to adjust to the earlier start time.

Going forward, we'll have more enjoyable occasions. We'll be joining the Parsippany Recreation Dept. at their Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration at Smith Field on Saturday, **October 26** from 1 to 4 PM. In November, we'll celebrate Children's Book Week starting **Nov. 7** by reading at the Parsippany Day Care Center, Head Start and the library. We'll Dine-to-Donate at the Bonefish Grille on the **13th and 14th**. We'll see "Pippin" at the Barn Theater on **Nov. 17** and hear a presentation from NJ Children's Alliance at the library on the **21st**.

Cathy H



### Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

**Color A Smile** – 32 templates were colored by our members at the coloring night in September. The drawings were mailed to Color A Smile who will distribute to senior citizens, our troops overseas, and anyone in need of a smile. Thank you to Ivy and Lois for coordinating this event and to everyone who participated.

**Food Drive** - Our Food Drive to support the Parsippany Food Pantry was a huge success! We collected 725 food items with an approx. value of \$2,165. We also collected \$385 in cash donations plus \$185 in gift cards. Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped with the food drive. A special thank you to Terry Gerber who setup and collected food at the YMCA and SportsCare.

**Coupons** – Please continue to clip coupons to support our troops overseas. Coupons should have an expiration date of September 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

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.

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

Fall is upon us, with crisp air all around, we begin our year ahead. It was so exciting to see so many members at our September meeting. We have another new member to be installed at our October meeting. Let us all try to sit near someone we don't know so we can learn more about each other. See you next week!

### Federation: Marilyn Marion

WHO IS THE NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMENS CLUBS

Founded in 1984, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFW, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 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. There are approximately 6,000 members in 164 general clubs.

Too frequently, women's clubs' members are described as privileged, white-gloved women with too much time on their hands. Just the opposite is true. Each member has inherited a history of activism on the community, state national and international level. We look back with pride at the many accomplishments of our clubs and their members and know that activism is just as alive and spirited today.

In 1918, the NJSFWC founded the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglas residential College) and through our scholarships to Douglas students, the Federation continues to support this institution with its strong tradition of training tomorrow's women leaders. **MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO, THE PERSON YOU ARE, AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE.**

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

October is coming to an end, and the Garage Sale is over. Many thanks to all of you for your help and support. Our proceeds were \$758.50. This is a great way to begin the new fiscal year for the Club. Let's keep it going so we can continue to work on projects that will "kind it forward."

Cash for Causes continues on a very successful note. Our proceeds for October amounted to \$195. Have you made your selections from David's Cookies and Meadow Farms catalogues? The closing date for the Autumn fundraiser is October 29th. Orders will be collected at the **October 28** meeting.

Lastly, don't forget that our Bonefish Dine-to Donate event is coming up on Wednesday and Thursday, **November 13-14**. The necessary flyer will be emailed to you shortly.

### Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

I know how many of you like reading to children, so coming up is another opportunity for you. "Children Book Week" is in November. We are going to read to the children at Parsippany Day Care on **November 8th** and HeadStart on **November 13th**. Marilyn Z will be sending out the signup information soon.

The Club donated \$100 to GFWC sponsoring a " Success for Survivor Scholarship" to assist women impacted by Partner Violence who are pursuing a higher education.

### Environment: Janet Reilly

Collecting sneakers (only athletic type) for recycling. Ongoing denim collection. Recently sent 3 boxes from garage sale donations.

Keep in mind any ideas for entries for Spring Conference Achievement Day pertaining to environment. The contests are divided into divisions: Artistic Design, Horticulture and Up cycle. More information can be found on the NJSFWC website, Environment.

### Literature: Janet Reilly

Our next meeting will be held at Janet's house at 1:30 on Tuesday, **November 5th**. We will discuss our current read, The Book Thief. Please let Janet know if you will be coming. Reminder, don't forget to vote.

### Operation Holiday Stockings: Eileen Healion

Ronnie and I would like to thank all our membership for their generosity, and hard work. We had some help from friends and relatives. We will be bringing 178 stockings to headquarters this week. All of you are amazing. Thank you so very much.

### Legislation & Resolutions: Cathy Cerbo

Our NJSFWC State President, Barbara McCloskey, is encouraging members to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center. It is easy to do and allows us to be better informed and engaged in our Federation's public policy focus.

To sign up for legislative updates, get contact information for legislators and read about our areas of focus as a Federation, go to <https://www.gfwc.org/get-involved/>

### Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

A white board was donated to JBWS in September. It is used at the Parsippany location. All involved were very appreciative.

October has been busy starting with Day of Unity. While adults sat with counselors and children enjoyed activities.

Getting ready for the holidays, distribution days are used to distribute the items that have been donated giving room for additional donations.

Some of our Women's Club members have been retrieving donation messages and responding to questions.

Ongoing requests have been made for snacks and drinks for the children. Thank you for all you do!

We are currently deciding on the gift for the Moms for the holidays!

JBWS is always brainstorming with us for these ideas! There will be a box for any donations that you bring to the meeting.

### Arts and Culture: Ivy Ertle

Welcome fall! Our evening of adult coloring was a huge success and an enjoyable evening for all. Our Color Me Mine event was held on October 13. Reminder for those that attended either event, that projects made can be submitted for Achievement Day. You'll hear more about Achievement Day at the October meeting.

Our next event is the Barn Theater's production of Pippin and international Dinner on **November 17**. As we had an overwhelming response to this event, reservations are closed.

Please hold the date of **December 5th**. This is tentatively the date for a wreath making event. I'm still waiting for confirmation from Cerbo's and hopefully will have more details at October's meeting. If any of our new members have a crafting hobby you would like to teach our members at a future program or workshop, please let Ivy know. All suggestions for future events are welcome.

**Programs: Lois Preis White**

It was so nice to see 12 members enjoying an evening of coloring. Thank you for participating on September 30th. We will have to do this again.

Get ready for a visit from representatives of our new State Special Project, NJ Children’s Alliance. They will be at the main branch of the Parsippany Library at 7 p.m. on **November 21st**.

Don’t forget that we will be having a Chair Yoga session on **January 21, 2025**. There will be a small charge to pay the instructor.

In the works, CPR Training and Nutrition Discussions. Let me know if you have any great ideas.

**Health and Wellness: Shalini Mehrotra**

Ladies, please send me your monthly walking /exercise hours for our club hours for NJSFWC “Let’s Get Moving” challenge!

Don’t forget the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk coming up on **October 27th** on Century Drive in Parsippany.

**Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba**

I will be having our next Scrapbook Cropping on Thursday, **November 21**, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. It will be held at my home at 20 Golf Lane, East Hanover. If anyone has any items pictures, articles, thank yous, etc. please bring them to the October meeting. Remember **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED** and no supplies needed. I will send a reminder email the week before, if you can make it please let me know.



**October/November Birthdays**

Betty Lagitch	Oct 2
Chris Sinner	Oct 23
Marilyn Marion	Nov 3
Beverly Frischer	Nov 8
Terry Higgins	Nov 19
Susan Byrne	Nov 29
Evelyn deCastro	Nov 29

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Breast Cancer Walk	Oct 27
Autumn Fundraiser due	Oct 28
Halloween Trunk or Treat	Oct 26
VOTE	Nov 5
Literature Mtg at Janet’s	Nov 5
Reading - Parsippany Daycare	Nov 8
“CANVA” Workshop	Nov 9
Reading - HeadStart	Nov 13
Bonefish Dine-to Donate	Nov 13-14
Barn Theatre/Intl Dinner	Nov 17
Scrapbook Cropping	Nov 21
NJ Children’s Alliance Presentation at Library	Nov 21
Thanksgiving	Nov 28
Wreath Making Event	Dec 5 (TBC)
Chair Yoga	Jan 21, 2025

WCPTH SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER GALLERY

DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE



COLOR A SMILE COLORING NIGHT



*WCPTH SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER GALLERY*

*GARAGE SALE*



*DARK HORSE WINNERS*

*Winners of the last Dark Horse drawing at the October meeting*



*Ivy Ertle*



*Betsy Lowry*

*PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD*



Joan Garabino presents award and gift card to Linda Laidlaw, winner of the best picture contest, which was chosen for the WCPTH Website banner.