



Parsippany-Troy Hills May 2025

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"Together in Service; United in Friendship"

Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President

A Message from Our Club President Cathy Haney

The Salad Supper on May 20 is our last general meeting for this club year. A big "THANK YOU" to all you members who were so generous with your time, work and resources that contributed to our successes this year.

Our activities, of course, will continue throughout the summer:

First, we will participate in the town's Memorial Day parade on **May 26** starting at noon from Sylvan Way to Rita Drive along Littleton Road. Come and cheer us on!

Then there's the Highlands District Council meeting on **June 11** at the Thursday Morning Club (Madison) in the evening. This an opportunity to learn more about what Woman's Clubs beyond our own group do. Please contact Marilyn Marion if you want to attend.

Please support our Tricky Tray on **July 15** at the PAL building. It's our big annual fundraiser for Education. Contact Addie Rufino to make your reservation.

Finally, Save the Date for our Summer Social on **August 10**. You'll hear more details about it soon.

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Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Veteran's Collection – A total of 490 items were collected with an approx. value of \$1,600. Thank you to everyone who donated! The Veteran's Center in East Orange was incredibly happy to receive these items and to have them available for Memorial Day. A special thank you to Theresa for picking up the items at the Senior Center, and to Ginny for delivering the items with me.

Heifer International – A total of \$330 was donated by members at the club meetings in Sept, Oct, Feb, March, and April. A donation will be made to Heifer International to purchase the following items:

Two goats – will be donated to a family; the goat's milk will be used to make cheese and butter or sold for income.

One hope basket – rabbits and a starter flock of chickens will be donated to a family along with farmer training and education.

One flock of chicks – 10-15 chicks will grow to provide nutritious eggs to a family, as well as income by selling any extra eggs.

Thank you to everyone who donates to this worthy cause; your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Literature: Janet Reilly

The current book is "Remarkable Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. June outing on June 3 to be decided.

Arts and Culture: Ivy Ertle

On May 8th we had a great turnout for the making of flowerpots out of laundry caps for the Fireman's Home. We made 69 pots and had a good time crafting and socializing.

The Barn Theater on May 18th was well attended with 25 members and guests for its spring production of Bright Star. We also went out to dinner at the Black Cat Saloon afterwards.

There will probably be one last international dinner in June and possibly one more craft event. More details to follow by email.

Federation: Marilyn Marion

If you haven't signed up yet for the Highlands District Council, there is still time. Please contact me. It is in the evening **on June 11** in Madison. Dinner is included so the working members don't have to worry about eating before you get there. Registration begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:15 and the meeting at 6:45. The registration fee is \$5.00. I hope you will be able to join us.

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

Words of thanks and appreciation are being sent to you for all your support and help with Fundraising for the 2024-2025 Club year. We look forward to generating funds for the Club so that we may continue our work for the betterment of the community. Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Tricky Tray Basket: Terry Gerber & Mary Ann Coyne

Our Tricky Tray Fundraiser is in full swing! We need everyone's help with this endeavor. How can you help? Consider: donating a gift card, or creating a basket (keep in mind that Level 1 baskets can have a value of \$50 - \$100), or donate wine or alcohol for our baskets of cheer, and lastly, we are in need of picture frames – 5x7 or 8x10.

Please let Joan Garbarino know what you are donating because she is keeping track of our inventory. After all the donations are in (**deadline is June 15th**), the baskets or picture frames will be assembled. Remember, we are a team, and there is no "I" in team!

Membership: 2nd Vice Presidents Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

Hello ladies! We ask that you PLEASE check the blue covered yearbook to see if ALL your information is correct. A new yearbook will be printed in August and we want to make sure what you have listed is the information you want all our members to have. If there are any corrections, please contact Janice or Ginny with your changes. Thank you!

Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

Scholarships: We are proud to present 10 outstanding students a \$1,000 Scholarship. Thanks to you assisting with our fundraising activities which includes our Raffle, Beefsteak and Tricky Tray we are able to support students' further education.

These are the students who received scholarships:

PHHS: College Scholarship: Isabella Rabadi, Elizabeth Duffy, Athon Ros

Nursing: Sia Dewnani

Trade/Technical: Daksh Kotadia

PHS: Scholarship College: Emily Smith, Nikoloz Inashvili, Ariana Johns

Nursing: Simarar Manhas Trade/Technical: Joseph Gasparro

Citizenship & Reading Awards - I'll be sending out an email in a few weeks for members to sign up to present the winners of the Reading & Citizenship Awards at their schools. This is a rewarding and enjoyable activity for you to participate in.

Book Donations - Reminder to send me the number of books donated and to which organization you donated them to.

Patriotic Stickers - I'm collecting Patriotic stickers which we use to make cards for soldiers overseas during our Fall Festival. This is for Operation Jersey Cares project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Mtg/Salad Supper	May 20
Memorial Day parade	May 26
Literature outing	June 3
Highlands District Council	June 11
RSVPs in for NJSFWC picnic	June 15
Deadline for Basket donations	June 15
NJSFWC Headquarters picnic	June 22
Raffle ticket returns due	June 23
Tricky Tray Fundraiser	July 15
Summer Social	August 10

Environment: Janet Reilly

The world has a plastic problem, and it seems to be getting worse. Evidence is accumulating that the micro plastic bits now found everywhere in our environment, are invading our bodies and have been implicated in everything from heart disease to infertility. To minimize exposure, use glass or ceramic containers, avoid single use plastic containers, drink tap water or water from glass or metal bottles rather than plastic, use wooden or bamboo cutting boards, choose paper tea bags over plastic and nylon ones. Heat also breaks down plastics.

It all seems overwhelming but small changes can make a difference. I am trying.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

Mother's Day distribution was a success with the tumblers filled with candy!

JBWS is in need of beach towels, goggles, small packs of nose tissue and sunglasses — about 25 of each. The children use them at camps. I will have a box in front of my driveway or I can collect any donations at the Salad Supper.

Thanking you in advance for your continued generosity in providing to those less fortunate. Happy Summer!

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

Hip Hip Hooray!!! Our 2024 Scrapbook won First Place (category 24 to 30 pages) at the NJSFWC State Conference last week. A very big thank you to all you ladies who helped make this possible and a special thanks to Ivy for the beautiful cover. Thank you to Cathy Haney and Nanda Sanichar who came out in the pouring rain this past Wednesday and helped create eight pages for our 2025 Scrapbook. We will have another cropping closer to September or October.

Remember Smile and send those photos to me as well as Joan and Kathy Reilly.

JBWS COMMUNITY SERVICE



Club members Terry Gerber, Teri Wohld, Ronnie Fagan and Theresa Troiano honored at JBWS volunteer appreciation, May 1



Mother's Day gifts made by Terry, Teri and Theresa for JBWS Residents

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS



Members Lorraine Steinsberger, Teri Wohld, Terry Gerber, Jennifer Biondo and Mary Ann Burke were presented with succulent plants for their 10 years of committed service, and also Marilyn Marion for her 57 years!



Mary Ann Burke presented Awards to Eagle Scouts, Alex and Nick Spada and Andrew Nicholas, 4/27

DENIM NIGHT



Club members wore denim to the April meeting to raise awareness of sexual assault and to support survivors and to protect against victim-blaming.

FLOWERPOT CRAFTS NIGHT



Members made flowerpots out of over 100 laundry caps to give to the residents of the Country Home and the Fireman's Home to spread some springtime cheer (5/8/25).