



## Par - Troy Patter June 2025

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

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

Our Salad Supper was a perfect official conclusion to our 2024-25 club year! Thank you to Nanda for organizing the supper and to everyone who brought food. It was all delicious. Thank you to Betty for securing the venue and to her and the rest of the scholarship committee for all their work in selecting the winners. It was gratifying to hear about their education plans and the volunteer work they have already done. Altogether, a wonderful evening!

Memorial Day was a rare day of perfect weather for marching, or, in my case, for driving at 1 MPH with the windows down. Kathy Roussel and Betsy donated the candy that our marchers distributed to children (and maybe some grownups) along the parade route. Thank you to the marchers. It's a great opportunity to publicize our Club.

Summer has finally arrived, and that means our **Tricky Tray** is only a few weeks away, on **July 15**. If you haven't made your reservation yet, please send it to Addie as soon as possible. You can bring a few or a whole tableful of other people or just reserve a seat for yourself, we'll seat you with other club members. And don't forget to order some food from Parsippany's Best Pizza to be delivered to the PAL building.

Remember that the NJ State Federation's summer fundraiser for our current State Special Project, the NJ Children's Alliance, will be the **Lobster Lunch and Basket Raffle** at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant on **August 7**. Marilyn M will arrange carpools for those who signed up to attend.

Keep Saving the Date for our **Summer Social** on **August 10**. We hope to have it at the covered picnic area of Central Park of Morris County. Spouses and partners are invited.

Enjoy the summer!

Cathy H

### Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

**Coupons** - Thank you to everyone who clips and sorts coupons. Since January, our club has sent 2,368 coupons with a face value of \$8,945 to Troopons Support Our Troops. This organization is based in Florida and distributes donated coupons to military families. The coupons enhance the well-being of overseas and domestic military families by making their hard-earned dollars go farther.

**New Projects** – I am always looking for new projects for Civic Engagement and Outreach. Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions on new ways to support our community.

Have a great summer!

### Literature: Janet Reilly

The literature group toured the NJ Sharing Network facility in New Providence with a tour and explanation of how they function. The Sharing Network saves lives through organ and tissue donations. We have 4 women in our club whose family or themselves have received or donated. Donors save lives, be a donor.

### Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

We prepared 30 gifts for Mothers Day. We filled thermal tumblers with candy, enjoyed by all!

Summer items of towels, goggles, sunglasses and snacks were packed in back packs. We completed 25!

For back to school, backpacks are needed with school supplies, pens, pencils, notebooks, snacks! If anyone wants to buy these, you can drop them off at Teri Wohld or Terry Gerber's houses.

Always in need of snacks, drinks!

### Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

Our next scrapbook cropping will be held either the end of August or in September. When I have a date, I will send an email so you can mark your calendars. For now, continue to take those photos and send them to me and also to Joan and Kathy Reilly. You ladies have been so good about sending the photos. Thank you, I really appreciate it. Have a wonderful summer.

### Federation: Marilyn Marion

October will be here before you know it, which means its NJSFWC Fall Conference time. The date is **October 20** with a new location this year. It's at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant. This is a new location for this event.

Also save the dates for the Headquarters Open House Celebrations. Thursday, **November 13th** and Saturday, **November 15th**. This is good news for the working members, they can finally attend a celebration at Headquarters. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on attending.

We will be hearing more on these two events as time gets closer.

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

We have been invited to the Gourmet Cafe for "Make A Difference Monday" on **July 28th**. Lunch will be served from 11:30 - 2:30PM, and dinner will be served from 5:00 - 8:00PM. Gift card purchases will count towards the proceeds. No flyer is needed. Come and relax and enjoy a delicious meal.

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

Hi ladies! We have just ended another club year, and it was a great one. There were so many opportunities for us to volunteer and get involved at the club and district level. Looking forward to 2025-2026. A gentle reminder if there are any corrections to your personal information in the blue yearbook let Janice or I know. A new book will be printed in August. If your name tag has gone missing, a new one can be ordered. Have a wonderful summer and hopefully we will see many of you at the summer social on **August 10th**.

### Legislation: Cathy Cerbo

How exciting the guest speaker at our Highlands June Council was the NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions State Chairman! She reminded us how much GFWC clubwomen have accomplished since a group of clubwomen met in 1890 to discuss books. From that date forward we have founded three quarters of the nation's libraries, lobbied for child labor laws, pure food regulations, vaccinations, veteran's benefits, the National Park Service and more recently protections from cybercrimes.

There is real power in our collective voices for good. If you haven't done so already, please register on the GFWC Legislative Action Center. You can find the link on the GFWC website or go directly to [votervoice.net](http://votervoice.net). From there you can contact our legislators with the click of a button to advocate for worthy causes. Access to menstrual hygiene products in Tennessee, child labor laws in Florida and human trafficking are the current topics of advocacy.

The most recent example of our advocacy efforts is the Take It Down Act which was signed into law on May 19, 2025. The bill was introduced by Senator Ted Cruz and aims to protect people from non-consensual intimate on-line images whether real or deepfakes. Can you imagine your face on someone else's body or an AI generated image of you doing something you didn't actually do? What about an intimate picture an ex threatens to post on-line? Because of GFWC's advocacy we helped to get this bill passed into law!

Look for some interesting local Legislation committee opportunities this fall.....

### UPCOMING EVENTS

NJSFWC Headquarters picnic	June 22
Raffle ticket returns due	June 23
Tricky Tray Fundraiser	July 15
Dine to Donate at Gourmet Cafe	July 28
Lobster Lunch and Basket Raffle	August 7
Summer Social	August 10
NJSFWC Fall Conference	October 20
Headquarters Open House	Nov 13 & 15

### Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

June is a very busy month presenting students awards. Your hard work in fund raising has made many children very happy and appreciated our efforts. I already shared with you the 10 \$1,000 student winners last month and want to thank Marianne Burke and Cathy Cerbo for presenting these awards.

#### **Citizenship Awards: Certificate & \$75 Check**

Central: Atrem Marusiak & Mahi Pandya  
Presenter Chris Sinner

Brooklawn: Hriday Prajapari & Savannah Morgan  
Presenter: Terry Gerber

All Saints Academy: Luciano Crum & Ellie DeMarco  
Presenter: Kathy Schroeder

#### **Reading Award: Certificate & \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card**

Samanyu Bezawada, Zunairah Waseef, Nathalie Carr, Jonathan Briones, Julie Villier, Serena Zeldan, Jasmaine Kaur, Dev Thakkar, Sienna Persaud, Tina Reddy Yeruva

Presenters: Cathy Cerbo, Marianne Burke, Jalini Mehta, Kathy Schroeder, Terry Gerry Gerber, Shalini Mehrotra, Theresa Troiano, Terry Higgins & Nancy Choffo

I want to thank all presenters and hope you enjoyed this rewarding volunteering experience. I know the schools appreciate us too.



*SALAD SUPPER AND AWARDS*



Janice Carrubba was presented with a certificate for our Scrapbook's first place win in the state in our category.



Cathy Cerbo's 20th club anniversary was acknowledged. Other members recognized for their years of service included Kathy Rousel, Joan Garbarino and Janet Reilly.



Kathy Reilly was presented with a certificate for our Newsletter's 3rd place win in the state in our category.



Betty Lagitch was presented with a certificate for the Highlands District award for best all-around work reported in Education and Libraries. She was also presented with a certificate for winning First Place in the State



Scholarship winners and their guests were invited to the Salad Supper, 5/20/25



Joan Garabino was presented with a certificate for our Club's third place award in the state reported in Communications/Public Relations in our Membership category of 41 or more members.



RAFFLE TICKET SALES



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, MAY 26, 2025



LITERATURE CLUB OUTINGS



The literature group with Director at the NJ Sharing Network



The literature group met with local author Brian Bothe, pen name Jack Torrance, to get a copy of his first published dark romance psychology thriller novel "The Silent Canvas."

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH AT LA PLANCHAS



PHS SENIOR AWARDS



Marianne Burke presented Awards to Seniors at PHS



READING AWARDS



Intervale School reading award presented by Marianne Burke



Rockaway Meadows School award presented by Terry Higgins



Knollwood School award presented by Jalini Mehta



Northvail Elementary School award presented by Theresa Troiano