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"Together in Service; United in Friendship"

Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President

A Message from Our Club President Cathy Haney

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your loved ones! In this season of giving, we are continuing some of our favorite charitable projects: packing cookies at our November meeting for the residents of local nursing homes, buying pajamas for the children at Parsippany Head Start, and donating gift cards and cookie-baking supplies to JBWS.

Let's celebrate by decorating wreaths at Cerbo's Greenhouse on December 4 and by gathering for our Holiday Dinner on December 9. Then enjoy the holidays with your family and friends and best wishes for good health and happiness in 2026.

Cathy H

UPCOMING EVENTS



David's delivery & pickup	November 22
General Mtg/Candy-Cookie night	November 24
Literature Holiday Lunch	December 2
Wreath Making at Cerbo's	December 4
Executive Board Meeting	December 8
WCPTH Holiday Dinner	December 9
GFWC Holiday Open House (D.C.)	December 10
Wreaths Across America Day	December 13
Spelling Bee	January 9
Highlands District Council Mtg	January 14

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Candy/Cookie – We will be filling the holiday wrapped coffee cans with delicious treats after the general meeting on Monday, **November 24th**. Please remember to bring your cookies (no nuts or peanut butter) to the meeting.

Wreaths Across America – This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, **December 13th** at noon. The ceremony is to Remember the Fallen, Honor those who Serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. Our club will sponsor 5 wreaths. A local event will be held at the Denville Cemetery located at 9 Savage Road in Denville. A beautiful ceremony is followed by the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of fallen heroes. Please consider attending this ceremony with your friends and family. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Trees For Troops –Free, farm-grown Christmas Trees are provided to US armed forces members in all branches of the military and their families. Our club will be donating 5 Christmas trees.

Membership: 2nd Vice Presidents Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

Hi ladies! As the weather becomes crisp and cool, we know the holidays are upon us. We will experience that at our annual cookie-candy night. Some of you have already started to bake. Our hands are always working helping others in small ways. Receiving a filled can of cookies is something that will brighten the day of so many. As you saw in the Focus, our stockings will also bring joy to many overseas. Our organization shines in the headlights. Happy Thanksgiving!

Literature: Janet Reilly

Our next meeting will be our holiday lunch on Tuesday, **December 2** at Suppa's on Rt. 53 at 12:30. While enjoying our lunch we will discuss our current book, *Yellow Face* by R.F. Kuang. Let Janet know if you will NOT be coming. Don't forget your dollar (50) grab bag exchange gift. Happy reading!

Environment: Janet Reilly

Another full bag of athletic shoes was sent out today. Thanks to all for donating. (Remember, only athletic shoes, not Sketchers or other non-athletic.)

Federation: Marilyn Marion

There is still time to sign up to attend the Highlands January District Council on **January 14**.

The council is a District meeting attended by representatives of the clubs that comprise a particular District. There are eight Districts in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs structure. Councils are held three times a year in September, January and June. At councils the clubs share information about projects and fundraisers they have planned and get new ideas from what other clubs are doing. They also receive information from Federation representatives about what is going on state-wide.

If you did not sign the sign-up sheet at the October meeting, please contact me by November 25. I will also be at the General meeting on November 24 to give you a chance to sign up.

Thank you and I hope you can join us on January 14.

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

Wow! A lot is going on in our Club! We can give thanks that the David's order will be delivered before Thanksgiving. The order will arrive at Mary Ann Coyne's house (21 Southwood Drive, Morris Plains) on Saturday, **November 22nd**. You will receive an email after the order has been checked and sorted. Please pick up your items after you receive the note; orders should be picked up by members **before 12:00**.

Meadow Farms orders are being processed and should be delivered by mid-December.

Cash for Causes is up and running and cards will be distributed at the November meeting. There will be no December order; this fundraiser will resume in January 2026.

Spelling Bee Event: Mary Ann Coyne

Progress for our Spelling Bee is in full swing. Mark your calendar and join us for a delightful event featuring Fifth Grade contestants on Friday, **January 9th** at 6:30pm at Parsippany Hills High School auditorium (snow date – Friday, **January 16th** at 6:30pm).

Arts and Culture: Ivy Ertle

The event in October was Landaur's cafe. We had a small group, but all had a fabulous brunch.

In November, we had a Mexican Dinner at Las Leyendas in Morris Plains on November 18.

I still have a few openings for our annual wreath making workshop at Cerbo's **December 4th**. For \$49.00 you get to make a holiday wreath. We are starting at 6pm. As we did last year, we will go to Jeffrey's afterwards for those interested in going to dinner afterwards. If interested in attending, please let me know by November 29th.

I'll see everyone at the holiday dinner. If you miss it, then happy holidays to all no matter what you celebrate. I will return at February's meeting, as I am having my left shoulder replaced on January 26th.

Any suggestions of events or international restaurants are more than welcome. Feel free to email me at ivyertle@gmail.com or text at 917-364-1607. Please remember to sign your texts so I know who made the suggestions.

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

The pages for the Scrapbook are coming along nicely. I will be having another cropping in January once I have a date I will send an email. This cropping will be to finish up the pages for the book. If you have any photos or items that you feel should be in the Scrapbook please email me or bring to our next meeting.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

November has been a busy month. We have collected 25 cookie mixes! Great job everyone. Thank you all! We are hoping to reach 50 by the beginning of December. We have candy and candy canes to include.

December is busy with boutique and donations collected.

Thank you to Sandy Neglia! She has obtained 120 bags that we will be able to use for spring distributions. We will use 25 or so for the boutique so that the children can fill for moms!

Thank you also to Teri Wohld, Ronnie Fagan, Theresa Troiano and Eileen Healion for all their hard work.

Advocates for Children: Karen Landrigren

In November I sent 9 bags (approximately 22.9 lbs) of soda can tabs to Ronald McDonald House. I also sent 110 card fronts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Please continue to donate to these worthy causes.

Kathy Schroeder, Janice Carrubba and I are coordinating the Adopt A Class pajama collection. They will be collected at the November general meeting.

Holiday Dinner: Nanda Sanichar

Our Holiday Dinner December 9th is quickly approaching. There is still time to decide if you would like to join. Those of you who have already decided and haven't paid as yet, you can bring your check or cash to our general meeting on Monday the 24th. The people who haven't decided yet can also contact me directly and pay by Dec 5th.

I would like to ask if any of you ladies can think of fun activities we can do, please contact me directly.

Upcoming Birthdays

Susan Byrne	Nov 29
Evelyn deCastro	Nov 29
Cathy Cerbo	Dec 9
Kathy Schroeder	Dec 15
Adelaide Richardson	Dec 16
Lee Maddocks	Dec 18
Shalini Mehrotra	Dec 23
Bernadette Cicchino	Dec 26
Denise Saccomanno	Dec 30
Nanda Sanichar	Jan 19



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER GALLERY

NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE



Six members attended the Conference at the Lobster Shanty

COFFEE CAN WRAPPING FOR COOKIES



HIGHLANDS PAST PRESIDENTS CLUB MTG



Past Presidents Janet Reilly, Joan Garabino, Marilyn Marion and Marilyn Zarzycki

NJSFWC 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



WCPTH Members attend NJSFWC 60th Anniversary at Headquarters

HOLIDAY STOCKINGS FOR THE SOLDIERS (112)



MAKING STRIDES BREAST CANCER WALK



Shalini Mehrotra finishes the walk!