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“Together in Service; United in Friendship”
Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President

A Message from Our Club President Cathy Haney

Since the blizzard of '26 prevented us from having a meeting in February, I am especially looking forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting. It will officially be spring by then, so I hope we'll be free from weather disruptions. We'll start the meeting with a speaker from Spectrum360, postponed from last month. Ronnie will conduct the raffle of the silver bracelet to benefit Heifer international. (Tickets are \$5 each; 3 for \$10.)

Many of our club projects benefit children, and this is particularly true in April, which is Child Abuse Prevention month. Karen Landrigan will be looking for volunteers to “plant” pinwheels at town hall and the library on **March 30** (rain date March 31). To make a symbolic gesture for Wear Blue to Support Children, **please wear your club shirts to the March meeting**, and we'll take a group photograph. On **April 13** at NJSFWC Headquarters, there will be a Day of Service for Operation Smile, the charity that performs oral surgeries on third-world children. You can sign up for this at our March meeting. Finally, don't forget to support needy people of all ages by bringing groceries for the Parsippany Food Pantry to the meeting.

Cathy H

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Auld Shebeen	March 19
Pinwheel Garden plantings	March 30
Literature Club	April 7
Highlands District Spring Conference	April 8
NJSFWC Day of Service	April 13
Price Fixed Menu Event at Outback	April 14, 15, 16
Highlands District GCI Orientation	April 19
Adult coloring / Craft night	April 21
Barn Theatre Spamalot play	May 17
Highlands District Council Mtg	June 10
Tricky Tray	July 14

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

I Support The Girls - We will be collecting bras and menstrual hygiene products for I Support The Girls. Please bring items to Susan at the March or April general meeting.

- Bras - all sizes and types of bras as long as they are new or in good condition.
- Menstrual hygiene products - any brand, quantity or size as long as they are individually sealed.

NourishNJ - thank you to everyone who volunteered on March 5th. We spent an enjoyable and rewarding two hours chopping vegetables and packaging meals.

Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

Read Across America/Dr Seuss Week

Fourteen members read to 100 children at the Lake Hiawatha and Parsippany Library, Parsippany Day Care and Morris County Head Start and wore Dr Seuss accessories. All members had as much fun as the children. We donated 22 books. Literacy is a major focus of Women's Clubs. In fact, Women's Clubs are credited with starting three quarters of the Nation's libraries. Encouraging children to read and enjoy books is critical.

Girls Careers Institute (GCI)

Girls Career Institute is a program offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC for girls who are completing their junior year of high school. GCI offers a 4 day "mini college and career exploration experience" at Douglass College. It costs \$400 for each student to attend. Two great junior students have been chosen to attend, they are Meladie Shanklin PHHs, and Kermina Naem PHS.

Donations:

Morris County Head Start: \$200; Parsippany Day Care: \$100; and books to libraries, day care & HeadStart: \$268

Advocates for Children: Karen Landrigan

To commemorate Child Abuse Prevention month in April, I ordered 50 pinwheels and 1 WCPTH sign to plant pinwheel gardens in front of the Parsippany Town Hall and the Parsippany Main Library. Karen Cassidy has another sign for us to use.

I will announce this project at the March 23 meeting and ask for 3-5 volunteers to help plant the "pinwheel gardens."

Federation: Marilyn Marion

Spring Conference/Achievement Day is **April 8, 2026** at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Achievement Day has always been one of my favorite events. I love seeing all the arts and crafts. It is wonderful seeing how talented our Federation Sisters are. The winners of the entries will also be announced. These winners will go on to compete with winners from throughout the state at Convention in May. This year's Honor Roll and Lilly awards will also be presented. This was usually done at Convention, however awarding at Spring Conference makes it more exciting because we all can honor the members in our district. Fifteen members of our club will be attending. The deadline to register is **April 1**, so if you decide to attend, please contact me asap (no need to respond unless you are telling me you want to attend). The cost is \$80.00 which includes a continental breakfast, a four-course lunch plus dessert, coffee, and tea. Hanover Manor is only 15 minutes away.

Ways & Means: First VPs Chris Sinner & Mary Ann Coyne

Because of your continued support, Cash for Causes was able to generate \$140 for our Club for the month of March. Take advantage of this prime opportunity to help our Club by purchasing gift cards for Stop & Shop or ShopRite through our Club.

Our Price Fixed Menu Event is happening at the Outback on **April 14th, 15th, and 16th**. Our Club will sell tickets for \$25 each to dine at the Outback with their special fundraising menu. Outback asks for \$12.50 per meal to cover food costs, and we keep the rest. That's 50% profit!! It includes an appetizer, choice of entrée, sides, dessert, and unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea. The printed menu was emailed to you earlier this month. Tickets have been purchased by members earlier this month and will be available at the Auld Shebeen dinner gathering, the March 23rd General meeting or anytime that is convenient for you. We can sell tickets right up to the event dates. The tickets are presented at one of the above dates, and you are good to enjoy. Any additions to your meal will be an added fee along with the gratuity. Please make checks payable to the WCPTH. This is the easiest fundraiser ever, and it offers us a 50% profit. So come on ... help our Club generate funds and our perks will be superior because of your essential help and dedication.

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

Thank you to everyone who has been sending me photos. Our first Scrapbook Cropping for our 2026 book will be in early June. More info will follow once we get closer to the date.

Membership: Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

Ladies, for those who have not paid their dues of \$45.00, please mail a check to Janice or Ginny or bring it to our meeting on the 23rd of March. Anyone not rejoining needs to send an email to Janice or Ginny.

We also will be taking orders for Club shirts or sweatshirts, as we do wear them to events.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

JBWS is supporting Passaic County as well as Morris County. There is a very big need for grocery items to be delivered to clients in both counties.

Please see my March 12th email for pantry items that are needed. You can bring these items to our meetings or drop off at my house. There is a tote in front of my garage that is labelled for JBWS.

Literature: Janet Reilly

The next meeting will be held at Marilyn Zarzycki's home on Tuesday, **April 7th** at 1:00 PM. The current book we are reading is "The Joyous Fort, Our Homeland in Thini, Nepal." The origins and traditions of a Thakali family. This book was written by a friend of Nanda's. She gave us an overview of the book at our last meeting.

Environment: Janet Reilly

Town wide shredding is scheduled for **April 18th** at town hall. I sent another bag of athletic shoes to be recycled/up cycled. If you are considering entering anything in the environmental section of Spring Conference, please let me know. All information can be found at the NJSFWC website under forms.

Arts and Culture: Ivy Ertle

On **April 21st** at 7pm in the community room at the police station, we will have an adult coloring night or if you prefer, bring your own craft event. Please let me know if you will be attending by April 15th.

May 17th is the Barn Theater's presentation of SPAMALOT. This is a Sunday matinee at 2 pm. The tickets are \$25.00 each. Significant others are welcome. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in coming. I currently have 5 more tickets. I will need the check made out to WCPTH by April 17th. Information regarding an optional dinner after the show will follow.

Suggestions for future events are always 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.

Tricky Tray: Susan Byrne

The tricky tray is scheduled for **July 14** at the Parsippany PAL. Please let Susan or Dawn know if you would like to help the day of the event. We need as many people as possible to help.

Solicitation of local businesses has begun. If you would like to help solicit, please check with Joan to be sure someone else is not contacting that business.

Mary Ann will start accepting completed baskets in May.

Programs: Lois Preis White

Due to the blizzard for our January meeting, we rescheduled a visit from a representative of The New Jersey Sharing Network to our March general meeting. The Sharing Network works to save and enhance lives through organ and tissue donation. Hear about lives saved because of the selflessness of others.

Wonder what happened when our February Meeting was cancelled due to another blizzard? We have rescheduled the Director of Spectrum 360 to visit us at our April General Meeting. Spectrum 360 is a non-profit leader in special education and adult services for people with autism and those with related challenges.

Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see/hear? Let me know.

Communication: Joan Garabino

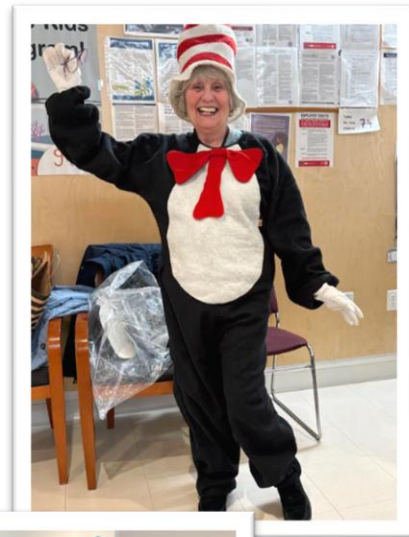
I am looking for someone to take over as Communication Chairman. This is a vital role that provides club visibility to the community, the Federation, as well as our members. I have past press releases that can be used for future events. I will continue to update the website for the foreseeable future and some of what I create can be used for posts on social media.

Have you looked at our website recently? If not please visit parsippanywomansclub.org. On the first page you can find out when our next meeting is and flyers for upcoming fundraisers. Need some info from the latest issue of the Patter? Look under Newsletters you can find issues of the Patter for the past few years. Or you can even look at our press releases under News.

As always, I look forward to receiving pictures and details of club events for use in press releases and social media posts. Don't forget to share our club posts on your personal Facebook and or Instagram accounts. You never know what will attract our next new member.



READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



NOURISH NJ VOLUNTEERS, MARCH 5TH



PERFORMING ARTS, MARCH 1TH

Arts-Performing - Nine members performed "Watch Me Now" on March 11th at the Thursday Morning Club in Madison. The comments on our performance were very positive. Also, Marilyn Marion read a very touching letter from one of our members and won first place in the reading section. She will read this at convention. Six members came to cheer us on. We enjoyed lunch afterwards. – Janet Reilly

