



# Par - Troy Matter April 2026



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

### A Message from Our Club President Cathy Haney

This is celebration season for our Club! We had a spectacular showing at the Highlands District Spring Conference and Achievement Day. Our committee chairmen won awards for reporting on their committee's activities, and our artistically talented members won awards for crafts and photography. Three members were placed on the State Honor Roll, and three others were awarded the Order of the Lily for outstanding service.

Please join us for the April meeting, especially to hear someone from the Sharing Network speak about organ donation.

Cathy H

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Coloring night	April 21
Parsippany Day Care reading	May 6
Morris Cty Head Start reading	May 14
Literature Club Meeting	May 12
Barn Theatre Spamalot play	May 17
Salad Supper and Installation Dinner	May 19
Highlands District Council Mtg	June 10
Intn'l lunch at Hunan Taste	June 25
Tricky Tray Fundraiser	July 14
Intn'l dinner at Las Leyendas	July 21
Crafting Event at Color Me Mine	Aug 15

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

### 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 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.

**Food Pantry** - Please help support our community by donating to the Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. Please bring to the April general meeting. A club member will bring the items to the Food Pantry. If you take items to the food pantry yourself, please provide the approximate value to Susan.

**Nourish NJ** - I will schedule another volunteer event at Nourish NJ in Dover for some time in May. Stay tuned for details.



### Advocates for Children: Karen Landrigan

On March 30, with the help of Karen Cassidy, Kathy Roussel, Marilyn Marion, and myself, we planted approximately 40 pinwheels outside of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Town Hall along with a sign showing the WCPTH name and logo. We also took a photo with the Mayor which appeared in the Parsippany "Focus." We then went to the Parsippany Main Library and planted pinwheels with the WCPTH sign. This was done to support Child Abuse Prevention during the month of April.

On April 7 a group of Club members joined me (Kathy Roussel, Marilyn Marion, Ronnie Fagan, Ginny Scala, Marianne Burke, Theresa Troiano, Nanda Sanichar) to attend a Town Hall meeting where the Club was presented with a Proclamation from the Mayor in support of Child Abuse Prevention.

A great big thank you to all of these wonderful ladies!

### Federation: Marilyn Marion

A little bit of NJSFWC History.

Did you know in 1895 NJSFWC drives legislation to protect the Palisades, in danger of being destroyed through overdevelopment. In 1900 the Federation assisted the Interstate Park Commission in their fundraising, and the destruction of the Palisades was halted.

In 1918 NJSFWC founded the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass Residential College), and our fellowships to students, the Federation supports this institution with its strong tradition of training tomorrow's women leaders.

In 1930 the Margaret Yardley Fellowship fund established and provides grants to deserving New Jersey women pursuing post-graduate advanced studies at the school of their choice.

In 1941 NJSFWC purchased six Ambulance Planes to support the war effort.

In 1947 Girls Career Institute (GCI) was established and provides high school Junior girls with opportunities to explore women's issues. It is held annually at Douglass Residential College.

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

We earned \$182.50 in April for Cash for Causes. Thanks for your support.

We had another great time at the Outback for the Price Fixed Dinner Event. The amount raised was \$500.00 DOLLARS!!!!

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Membership: Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

Hi ladies! There were three prospective members attending our March meeting and seem to be very interested in joining our club. Let us use our usual welcoming spirit when they return in April. There is a lot to absorb at a first meeting, maybe you can fill them in on some of the topics that may be discussed.

Thank you all for your dues. Our check was mailed for 49 members, twenty-five dollars of each member's dues is sent to NJSFWC. Thank you for your support over the last four years.

### Tricky Tray: Susan Byrne

Our largest fundraiser of the year, a tricky tray, will take place on Tuesday, **July 14th** at 5:30pm.

We need everyone's help to make this a success! Following are a few ways to participate.

1. Donate a basket of goodies - purchase items, arrange in a basket or container, cover with cellophane and add a bow!\*
2. Donate an item from the Amazon wish list at <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/HP7E8XLOEUEF>
3. Donate scratch-off lottery tickets.\*
4. Donate a bottle of alcohol to be included in a basket of cheer.\*
5. Solicit prizes from local businesses. Contact Joan Garbarino first to make sure that another member hasn't solicited a place already.
6. Help the evening of the event. There are many ways to help, even for an hour. Contact Susan Byrne or Dawn Gabriel if you would like to help.
7. Attend the tricky tray with a group of friends. Be sure to send in your reservation form early with payment. Last year was sold out and several members could not attend.

\* Mary Ann Coyne will accept baskets and other items starting in May.



### Raffle Ticket Sale

Another fundraiser is selling \$1 raffle tickets before and during the tricky tray. Tickets will be sold at local businesses (Stop & Shop, Uncle G's, Foodtown, etc.). Ronnie will have a signup sheet at the April meeting. Let's all help to make this a wonderful event!

### Education & Library: Betty Lagitch

**Scholarships:** Cathy C, Mary Ann C and myself are now reviewing and choosing our Scholarship winners. We will be giving to PHS and PHHS a total of Music 2, Trade 2, Nursing 2, and College 6 scholarships to equal \$12,000. What a challenging task but so rewarding to choose and read about such talented students. You should all be proud of the hard work and volunteering time you give to raise the monies for these scholarships.

You will have a chance to meet the winners at our Salad Supper. Students and a parent are invited and sit with our members, which is so nice and we get to know them.

**Library Appreciation Day:** Thank you to all members who attended the celebrations at the Parsippany and Lake Hiawatha Libraries to show our appreciation to the Librarian staff for what they contribute educationally and socially to our community.

Refreshments were delicious!

**5th Grade Reading Awards:** Reading Awards are given to one student at each of the 10 Elementary schools. They are chosen by teachers for their "Love of Reading." They are given a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card to equal \$500 donation. At an Award ceremony in June a club member will present our gift. I'll be sending an email in May for you to sign up. This is a rewarding and enjoyable activity for you to participate in.

**8th Grade Citizenship Award:** The Citizenship Awards is given to one male and female 8th grade graduating student from Central, Brooklawn Middle schools and All Saints Academy, who display the special qualities of being a "good citizen." The award is \$75 each to equal a donation of \$450.

For this award presentation in June, I'll be sending an Email in May for you to sign up.

**Reading to Children:** We are going to add additional dates that we will be reading to the children this year. As requested by Parsippany Day Care and Headstart because of the children's enjoyment and also our members. We will be passing around a signup sheet at our club meeting April 27th. We will wear our Dr Seuss accessories. Parsippany Day Care date will be May 6th at 3pm. Morris County Head Start date will be May 14th at 2:45. Look at your calendars to see if you can join in the fun.

Arts and Culture: Betsy Lowry

March 19th we had our annual St Patty’s dinner at Auld Shebeen. We had a nice turnout of 27.

On **April 21st** at 7pm in the community room at the police station, we will have an adult coloring night. If there are any last minute artists feel free to come on down.

**May 17th** is the Barn Theater’s presentation of SPAMALOT. This is a Sunday afternoon 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 1 ticket left, with an optional dinner at Tuscan Villa Restaurant, 223 Changebridge Road, Montville. Whoever is interested, please let me know via email @pvas565c@gmail.com or text at 973-476-1279 by May 10, so I can give the restaurant a head count.

June brings us to another international lunch at Hunan Taste in Denville at 12:30 on **June 25th**. Please let me know by June 20 if you’re interested in joining us for a delicious lunch.

**July 21** there will be a dinner at Las Leyendas de Mexico on Route 10 in Parsippany ay 6:30 pm. Dinner is open to significant others/spouses. Please RSVP by July 14 at the Tricky Tray.

**August 15**, Saturday will bring us to another crafting event at Color Me Mine at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP by August 9th. There is a \$9.00 studio fee (includes all of your supplies) plus the cost of your piece. You may bring food or drinks with you if you desire.



**April**

Addie Rufino	2
Marianne Burke	14
Karen Landrigan	24

**May**

Terry Gerber	17
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Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

JBWS is always in need of grocery items and snacks for children. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Items will be collected at the meeting.

Mother’s Day gifts are in planning stage. I will inform the club of the decision at the next meeting.

Literature: Janet Reilly

Our May meeting has been changed to Tuesday, **May 12th**, 1:00 PM at Cathy Cerbo's home. Please let myself and Cathy know if you will **not** be coming. Our current book we are reading is "I Who Have Never Known Men" by Jacqueline Harpman. We will discuss this book at our meeting. Please bring your book with you.

Environment: Janet Reilly

The average American generates around 4.9 pounds of garbage per day. Reducing consumption and reusing items is the most effective way to reduce individual waste and prevent the emission of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

Hospitality: Nanda Sanichar

The Salad Supper & Officers Installation will be held at the Elks Lodge in Parsippany on **May 19th** at 6pm. Let Nanda know if you will be attending – we need a final headcount by May 15th.

Legislation: Cathy Cerbo

As our club year comes to a close, let me thank all members who joined the GFWC Legislation and Action Center and contacted legislators on areas of interest to our federation.

Our State Federation has several resolutions for areas of advocacy at Convention in May ranging from human trafficking awareness to eliminating styrofoam.

I’m sorry I wasn’t able to meet my goal for the term getting a trip to the State House.

GROUP PICTURE FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION



Pinwheels were placed at Town Hall and the Parsippany Main Library

*INTERNATIONAL DINNER, MARCH 19TH*



St Patrick's Day Dinner, Auld Sheeban

*SPECTRUM 360 SPEAKER*



*LIBRARY APPRECIATION  
REFRESHMENTS*



*JWBS FOOD DRIVE*

