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"A Force for Good"

Susan Chambers, NJSFWC President

A Message from Our Outgoing Club President Cathy Haney

A wise woman used to say, "If everyone does something, then no one has to do everything." I quoted this hopefully at the beginning of my term as president, and my hopes have been abundantly fulfilled. Your hard work, enthusiasm, dedication and generosity have been consistently amazing and gratifying. I am proud to be part of a group that does so much to help so many people! Special thanks to the board members for their advice and support.

Remember our summertime events: Memorial Day parade, June District Council, lunch at Hunan Taste, TRICKY TRAY, dinner at Las Leyendas, fundraiser dinner at Gourmet Café, State Summer Luncheon, Color Me Mine and our Summer Social. Au revoir!

Cathy H

UPCOMING EVENTS

Barn Theatre Spamalot play	May 17
Salad Supper and Installation Dinner	May 19
Memorial Day Parade	May 25
Highlands District Council Mtg	June 10
Intn'l lunch at Hunan Taste	June 25
Scrapbook Cropping	June 26
Tricky Tray Fundraiser	July 14
Intn'l dinner at Las Leyendas	July 21
Dine to Donate at Gourmet Café	July 27
NJSFWC Summer Luncheon	Aug 6
Crafting Event at Color Me Mine	Aug 15
WCPTH Summer Social	Aug 16
NJSFWC State Fall Conference	Oct 19

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Heifer International – A total of \$340 was donated by members from the 50/50 raffle at the general meetings in January and March. A donation will be made to Heifer International to purchase the following items:

One sheep – for families that live in harsh climates, sheep's wool can be woven to make warm clothing or sold.

One dream basket – includes a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits and a flock of chicks, along with training and education.

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

Three food baskets – includes fresh produce, honey, coffee and dairy products to provide nutrition for families who are suffering from hunger.

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

Education and Library: Betty Lagitch

Book Donations: Just a reminder when you donate books to any organization or library, please let me know how many and where. I keep this information for my annual report.

Citizenship & Reading Awards: I'll be sending an email with information on signing up to present these awards. It is easy and fun, and two members can present the awards.

Membership: 2nd Co-Vice Presidents: Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

Hi ladies! We will be installing three new members at our salad supper on Tuesday evening. It's a great way to end our year. Our new yearbook is published in August, so again we ask, if there are any corrections to your information, please let Jennifer Biondo or Diana Craig know so they can make the update.

Federation: Marilyn Marion

What a wonderful convention we had this year. Our very own Betsy Lowry was voted the Cecilia Gaines Holland Award. This award is NJSWC's Highest Prestigious Award given to a member who volunteers beyond her club work. Betsy certainly was eligible for this award. She made us proud.

Then we were thrilled to have Joan Garbarino voted in has the Highlands District Vice President. Congratulations Joan, you are going to be great in this position.

Of course, we also had a down time when Ivy fell and ended up with a striking dark purple swollen eye - but what a good sport she was, not missing one activity and always with a smile on her face.

The meetings were very informative and the Arts performing performances were fun, in fact one act "The Dynamic Dino Duo" (dancing dinosaurs) had us cracking up. Just ask Nanda, we were falling out of our chairs. Lois was doing a great job patrolling the exhibits to make sure our entries didn't go missing. And me, I was enjoying the company and visiting with some friends that I have known through the Federation for many years. You should all think about going to Convention next year, it just puts it all together what the Federation is about.

Here is what is coming up in Federation over the summer months: The NJSFWC Summer Luncheon & Basket raffle will be held on **August 6** at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. Luncheon includes Salad, choice of entrée (Filet Mignon, Chicken Francaise, or Pasta Primavera), dessert and coffee/tea. The cost is \$70.00 per person. I need to know by June 1st if you will be attending. This Luncheon sells out fast. Please bring your check to the Salad Supper on May 19 or drop it off at my house. Check should be made out to WCPTH and earmark summer luncheon, with your dinner choice.

You may have noticed that the Summer Luncheon is not in Point Pleasant, don't fret, that is where the NJSFWC State Fall Conference will be held. The new name of the location is The Harbor Point (just a name change), so **SAVE THE DATE FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 19th.**

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: [Amazon Gift List](#)
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 on **May 19th** at the Salad Supper.

Raffle Ticket Sale: Ronnie Fagan

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.). Please see Ronnie if you would like to sign up. Let's all help to make this a wonderful event!

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

Our Priced Fixed Menu at the Outback Steakhouse was a total success. Our proceeds for the event amounted to \$950. Three cheers for us! Words of thanks and appreciation are being sent to you for all of your help and support with the Fundraising for the 2025-2026 Club year.

Arts and Culture: Betsy Lowry

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 at 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.

I am also looking at a couple of additional ideas for craft nights, including a mosaic art night where you can either make a candle holder or a lamp, they will come to Parsippany, or we can go to their studio in Succasunna. This runs \$79-99 per person.

Another thought that I had was a night where we make acrylic stained art and then you can hang it in your window. The kits run \$15-30 and you can order your own kit and bring it with you, there would be no instructor for this, just a get together craft night. Please let me know your thoughts on these 2 events or if you have any additional suggestions for me to look into.

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

YAY, our Historian Scrapbook won FIRST place in its category again this year at NJSFWC Convention. A big thank you to all those that have helped put it together and especially Ivy for taking the time to do the cover.

Our first cropping for the 2026 scrapbook will be on Friday, **June 26, 2026**. It will be held at 1:00pm at my house at 20 Golf Lane, East Hanover. If you know that you will be coming, please let me know and if you are unsure and decide that day, please just come by, there is always room. Remember no need to bring anything unless you have a favorite ruler or scissors you like to use, otherwise all supplies are here. No experience needed. Hope to see some new faces.

If anyone has any photos from Achievement Day, please send them to me either by email at carjm1017@yahoo or text 973-713-6114.

Programs: Lois Preis White

Denise Peoples from the Sharing Network presented at the April General Meeting.



Summer Philadelic Group: Terry Gerber

Especially for the new members, at every meeting I collect cancelled used postage stamps. I mail the cancelled stamps to the club for use during their summer camp.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

As always, JBWS is extremely grateful for our food and specific donations. They are concerned about reaching the Passaic County needs. I have tried to contact the Womans Club of Passaic County for inclusion. If you have knowledge of the clubs in that area, please reach out to me.

During their summer camp this year, we are collecting back packs, beach towels, and sunscreen for summer camp usage. We also packaged and donated bags for Mother's Day.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ronnie Fagan, Theresa Troiano, Sandy Neglia or myself. Someone will get back to you.



Education and Library: Betty Lagitch

Members read Dr Seuss again to the Morris County Head Start children.



NJSFWC CONVENTION, MAY 4-6

