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"NJSFWC - A Force for Good"
Susan Chambers, NJSFWC President

A Message from Club Co-Presidents Marianne Burke and Ivy Ertle

As a force for good, our Club continues to make a difference in many ways. We are everywhere in Parsippany because we engage in so many ways and in so many places. Let us continue to make an impact as we grow the Club. 2026-2027 is going to be another amazing year for us.

Ivy and Marianne

UPCOMING EVENTS

WCPTH General Meeting	Sept 28
Alzheimer's Walk	Oct 3
Dine to Donate at Outback	Oct 6-8
International dinner – Thatcher McGee's	Oct 13
Canva Workshop	Oct 14
Literature Club Meeting	Oct 16
Rocky Horror Picture Show	Oct 16
NJSFWC State Fall Conference	Oct 19
Scrapbook Cropping	Oct 21
Report Writers Workshop	Oct 27
International dinner – Bill & Harry's	Nov 10
NJSFWC Headquarters Open House	Nov 12
Report Writers Workshop	Nov 18
Wreath Making at Cerbo's	Dec 3 (TBC)
Highlands District Council Mtg	Jan 13, 2027

Education and Library: Betty Lagitch

The Education Committee is being revised to include some newer members. They will be encouraged to chair specific initiatives. By doing this more members can be involved with club activities. I will be working very closely to mentor each one.

- Citizenship & Reading Awards: Teresa Troiano
- GCI: Dawn Gabriel
- Dr. Seuss: Terry Higgins & Marilyn Zarzycki
- HOBY: Cathy Cerbo
- Spelling Bee: Cathy Haney
- Scholarships: Mary Ann Coyne, Cathy Haney, Betty Lagitch

At the end of next year, I'll be stepping down as chairman of this committee. I'd like to work with a member who may be interested in taking over to ease the transition. If you are interested and would like to know more about the position, please let me know.

Membership: Co-Second Vice Presidents Jennifer Biondo and Diana Craig

As we begin our new 2026-27 Membership Year, the Membership Committee will be introducing a new procedure for signing in and the position of the Greeting Table.

Jennifer Biondo and Diana Craig will be positioned towards the entrance of the meeting room, lower level of the library. This will enable us to welcome members as they arrive.

There will be a "sign-in" sheet with each members name listed alphabetically by first name to record each member as she arrives. We also ask that each member wear her name tag so we can "put a face to the name"; it will help others to get to know you, too!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our first General meeting, **September 28th**, lower level of the library. The meeting begins promptly **at 6:30 p.m.**

Hospitality: Theresa Troiano

Thank you to all who help with the Federation Breakfast. Much appreciated.

A few of us attended a tea party hosted by the Parsippany Columbiettes.

Federation: Marilyn Marion

Did you know that in 1955, the Club initiated the Annual Citizenship Awards for eighth grade students at the Township Junior High School. In 1958 the Club instituted an annual scholarship of \$300.00 for a graduating student at Parsippany High School. Since that time the scholarship awards have been increased to \$1000.00 and extended to both Township High Schools. Additional scholarships are also awarded to vocational schools as funds permit.

Over the years Citizenship awards have been extended to include all Parsippany Middle Schools each year. We have included many more student awards over the years. We have come a long way.

The club also sponsors a delegate to Girl's Career Institute at Douglas College, a "mini college experience" to encourage continuing education, extended to a girl completing her Junior year in High School.

Programs: Lois Preis White

This chairperson is excited to share the upcoming scheduled Programs, to be held at our General Meetings, this new Club year, 2026 – 2027.

- At our **October 27, 2026** General Meeting we will have a representative from **embrella**, our current State Special Project, speaking about what our Club will be able to do to help their cause.
- At our **November 23, 2026** General Meeting we will be having **our famous and favorite Candy/Cookie/Cards** production line. (Stay tuned for details, if you are a new member. Sure to become one of your favorites, too.)
- December, we take a break for the holidays.
- At our February 22, 2027 General Meeting we will have a representative from the **Seeing Eye**.
- Currently January, March and April are open.

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



Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Coffee cans - Just a reminder to continue to save coffee cans and give them to Marilyn Marion. These will be used in November for the annual candy/cookie project.

Alzheimer's Walk – Ten club members volunteered to help with registration and cleanup at the Alzheimer's Walk in Parsippany on **October 3rd**.

Table to Table is a food rescue organization that expanded into Morris County in 2024. Volunteers are needed for small donations of surplus food that would be wasted and deliver it to organizations serving the hungry. For example, pickup at Panera and deliver to a local food pantry. Volunteers use an app to select a pickup/delivery based on their availability. The app shows where the pickup is, the time of pickup and where it gets delivered (a local group home, shelter, food pantry, etc.). Please let me know if you would like more information.

Food Pantry – Help support our community by donating nonperishable food items to the Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry. Donations may be brought to our General Meetings, and a club member will deliver them to the pantry.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

First, I would like to thank my team for stepping up while I was recovering. Many thanks to Ronnie, Theresa, Teri and everyone else who got their hands wet at JBWS. Jayne Murphy-Morris is very appreciative for all we do for JBWS!

There is a constant need for food. Prices have skyrocketed! Some requested items are: pasta, pasta sauce, baby wipes, diapers, snacks for school bags, tuna, peanut butter and crackers. There will be boxes or bags labeled for each collection at the September meeting.

Shop Rite and Stop n Shop gift cards could also be purchased through the Club and donated to JBWS - they are very useful at JBWS and we would both benefit in this donation!

Christmas Stockings for the Troops: Eileen Healion

Just a reminder for members to bring their stockings to the September meeting.

Arts and Culture: Betsy Lowry

Upcoming Events:

- **October 13** we will have lunch at Thatcher McGee's at 12:30 pm. Please let me know if you are coming by October 6.
- **October 16** – Parsippany Arts Center at 130 Knoll Road, there will be a performance of Rocky Horror Picture Show at 8pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. Ticket price is \$25 and they are also selling prop bags for \$5.
- **November 10** will be dinner at Bill & Harry's at 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you are coming by November 4.
- Wreath Making for Christmas, we have requested **December 3rd and we are awaiting confirmation** from Cerbo's nursery. Once the date is confirmed, more information will be posted.

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 for \$79-99 per person. There are a few more ideas that we have for crafting, please feel free to reach out to me if there is anything you enjoy doing and we will try to schedule additional nights.

We plan to do a craft event, a lunch and a dinner monthly, and 1 of these events per month. Any suggestions on locations or activities are welcome.

Advocates for Children – Karen Landrigan & Karen Cassidy

Karen sent 70 card fronts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children; as well as 2 bags of soda can tabs to Ronald McDonald House (approximately 13 oz.).

I will continue planting the Pinwheel Gardens at the Town Hall and the Parsippany Library in April for Child Abuse Prevention month. I will order the pinwheels and appropriate signage to display.



Ways & Means: First VPs Cathy Haney & Chris Sinner

Cash for Causes was very profitable this month, with \$4,500 in sales yielding a \$225 profit for our Club. Thank you!

Autumn Sale of Meadow Farms products has begun online with a wide variety of items available. Here's the link: <https://shop.meadowfarms.com/womens-club-of-parsippany-troy-hills-102563> . If you prefer the paper catalogs and order forms, the packets will be distributed at the September meeting.

David's Cookies brochures will also be distributed at the meeting. Both sales end October 26.

Our next **Dine-to-Donate** will be at **Outback Steakhouse** on **October 6 through 8**. You don't need to show a flyer, but you must mention the Woman's Club to your server.

**** NEW PROJECT !!**** You can buy **Kohl's gift cards** in \$25 or \$50 denominations, and if our sales amount reaches at least \$1,000, our Club gets a 5% rebate on the order, which is the same concept as the supermarket Cash for Causes. We'll start this as a one-time pre-holiday project. Give Cathy H your orders and write a check to WCPTH by October 26, and you'll get your gift cards at the November meeting.

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

I will be holding a Scrapbook Cropping on Wednesday, **October 21st**. It will be held at my home [20 Golf Lane, East Hanover](#) at 1:00pm. If you know that you will be there, please let me know and if you decide that day you feel a little crafty, please just come by.

We will pair up to do pages so if you've never done scrapbooking before no worries, you will have a partner. No need to bring anything--I have plenty of the materials we will need. Hope to see some new members.

Literature: Janet Reilly

The first meeting was held on September 2nd at the library to review the list of available books.

We are currently reading 'Don't Forget to Write'. This will be discussed at the next meeting on **October 16th**.

Ivy is looking to start an evening book club; information will be presented at the September general meeting to see if anyone is interested.

Social Media: Joan Garbarino

Please check the website and send Joan any updates that are needed for your department.

Communications – Jennifer DeStefano

I'm excited to have taken over the committee handling our club's communications, including our Facebook and Instagram pages. My goal is to keep our members and community connected by sharing not only what the Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills is doing, but also posts that highlight our service, friendships, community involvement, special events, and the many ways our members make a difference.

Our communications efforts are growing in other ways, too! Joan and I recently met with Frank Cahill to discuss an opportunity through the Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber provides welcome folders to new families in town, and we are working on plans to include a Woman's Club flyer or brochure in those folders. More information will be coming soon!

Since I can't be at every event, I need your help! I have created a secure FOREVER shared album where members can easily add photos from club activities and events. You can also email or text photos directly to me. When sending photos, please include a brief description of the event so I know what they are from and can use them for future posts.

I'm looking forward to helping share the wonderful things our club and its members are doing and preserving the memories we make along the way!

FOREVER Shared Album:

<https://i.forever.com/NdDs2HOF>

Photos can also be sent to:

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HIGHLAND'S DISTRICT SEPT COUNCIL MTG (9/10)



PARSIPPANY FALL FEST, 9/19

