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

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

We have started this Club year strongly. Our hosting of the District Conference went well, we had a significant number of potential new members at our September meeting, we had a great Club discussion with our mayor, we have prepared for the new year with a by-laws revision meeting and had a wonderful education committee meeting. Several of our members supported the Alzheimer's Walk with registration and walking!

Ivy and I look forward to continuing the mission to be 'a force for good' in our community. Thank you all for your continued support of our many initiatives.

Ivy and Marianne

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline for Kohl's gift cards	Oct 20
Scrapbook Cropping	Oct 21
WCPTH General Meeting	Oct 26
Deadline for Autumn Fundraiser	Oct 26
Report Writers Workshop	Oct 27
Literature Meeting	Nov 3
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)
WCPTH Holiday Party	Dec 8
Highlands District Council Mtg	Jan 13, 2027
Barn Theater and dinner	May 23

Education and Library: Betty Lagitch

We are beginning our busy year of community donations and fundraising. I would like to share the many Awards, Scholarships and Programs we support.

History of GCI formerly known as Girls Citizenship Institute - the program began in 1947 and was first held at Montclair State Teachers college with 100 school girls attending. Since 1948 GCI has been held at Douglass Residential College. NJ was the first state to develop this type of training program for girls. Our club started to support and send a girl to GCI in 1955. Now in 2026 we have 150 to 180 girls attending.

The Girls' Career Institute (GCI) is a program offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs of GFWC for girls who are completing their junior year of high school. GCI offers a "mini college and career exploration experience."

Co-Chairman of Education & Library Committee Needed

I would like to have another member working with me and enjoying the experience of this committee. If you are looking for something to fill your time in volunteering this is the committee for you. There are many different programs and projects we will be working on together. Please contact me to discuss further - cell 201-602-8926.

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

We want to thank everyone for signing in at our September meeting. We hope you found the process easy because it really helped us with our new role!

Need a Club shirt or a new name tag? Whether you're a new or current member, order forms are available at the membership table at our meetings. If paying by check, please make it out to WCPH.

Also, we're looking into the possibility of having a new member orientation session. We'll be sure to keep you updated as we work out the details.

Federation: Marilyn Marion

A little bit of Federation history: The NJSFWC was born on November 16, 1894, when approximately 150 women representing 36 clubs met in Union Hall, Orange, NJ. Before the day ended, a constitution and bylaws had been written and adopted and officers elected. Margaret T. Yardley was the first President. At the third Board of Directors meeting, a badge in the shape of a shield with a plow, a rising sun and the word Unity and the letters NJSFWC were accepted. Later, the lily of the Valley was chosen as the Federation flower, and buff and continental blue as the Federation colors. By 1897, the first state yearbook had been published listing five departments. It was during the 1902-04 administration that clubs were first asked to send reports of their work to the Federation so that the information could be used to aid other clubs.

By 1906, the Federation had grown to such an extent that it became necessary to reconstruct the organization by forming districts. Ten District Vice Presidents were appointed to head each district. Re-districting took place several times. In the years 1947-1950, the 6th District was divided into two, making our present 11 Districts. In 1911 "A Collect for Club Women" written by Mary Stewart, was read at the semiannual meeting of the Federation. This, as revised, became the official collect for all federated clubs. Today there are eight larger Districts in New Jersey that are College, Garden, Highlands, Liberty, Palisades, Ramapo, Shore and Southern. Parsippany is in the Highlands District.

Programs: Lois Preis White

At our **October 26th** 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. We will have a timely start to the meeting.

At our **November 23** 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, it's sure to become one of your favorites too.)

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

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Alzheimer's Walk – Eight club members volunteered at the Alzheimer's Walk on October 3rd to help with check-in and cleanup. Three members participated in the walk. This was the first year the walk was held in Parsippany, and our participation was greatly appreciated.

Candy/Cookie – a signup sheet will be passed around at the October general meeting. Members are asked to bake or bring cookies and hard candy to the November meeting. Cookies need to be nut free. Sugar free items (cookies and hard candy) are also needed. After the November general meeting, members will fill decorated coffee cans with the cookies and candy. The filled cans are donated to the Fireman's Home in Boonton, the Memory Care Facility in Mt. Tabor, and the Beverwyck House Nursing Home.

Domestic Violence: Terry Gerber

I want to thank Ronnie, Teri, Theresa, Eileen, Rich, Sandy and Nanda for all they do at JBWS. I know it is appreciated!

If anyone is interested in the training at JBWS please let me know. The 2 hour training is for volunteers that will have indirect contact with residents. The 40 hour training is for volunteers who want to have direct contact. They will be able to participate in many activities with the clients, and possibly go for more training as CRT - Crisis Review Team. The next 40 hour training is in January.

I will let everyone know when we have decided on our holiday gift.

Since JBWS now serves Passaic County as well as Morris County, there are a lot more residents to serve. As always they are in need of snacks, drinks for the children. Also, pasta, sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly - bread is donated by Kings in Morristown weekly. I will have a box labeled for JBWS at the meeting.

Gift cards are also needed - to Shop Rite, Walmart, Kohl's.

Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Arts and Culture: Betsy Lowry

Upcoming Events:

We have tickets for Come from Away at the Barn Theater on Sunday **May 23rd** at 2 pm. We have a block of 25 tickets for \$30 a ticket. Following the show, we will have dinner at a local restaurant, which will be determined later.

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. We should have confirmation by the end of the week and an email with the details will be sent out at that time.

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.

Hospitality: Theresa Troiano

The Holiday party is going to be on Tuesday, **December 8**, at 6:30 pm. As agreed upon, it will be at Caffè NaVona, 147 Rt 46, Rockaway. The cost will be \$57 per person, which includes a pasta, choice of chicken (to be decided), fish or the vegetarian dish will be eggplant rollatinni. Dessert is also included. There will also be a cash bar. More information to follow.

Christmas Stockings for the Troops: Eileen Healion

Just a reminder for members to bring their stockings to the October meeting if not already done so.

Ways & Means: First VPs Cathy Haney & Chris Sinner

KOHL'S Gift Cards – Place your order for \$25 and/or \$50 denominations with Cathy H by **October 20** and bring the payment in cash or check made out to WCPH to the October meeting. We plan to distribute the cards at the November meeting.

Autumn Sale of Meadow Farms and David's Cookie products is continuing until **October 26**. Bring your order forms and manila envelopes to the October meeting.

Cash for Causes yielded a fantastic \$265 profit for our Club this month. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Dine-to-Donate at Outback Steakhouse. Still trying to find out the amount we earned.

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 next meeting is at Janet's home on Tuesday, **November 3rd** at 1:00 PM. We will discuss our current read Hidden Figures.

Environment: Janet Reilly

I am still collecting athletic shoes. I received an e-mail from **gotsneakers Monthly Roundup** stating that 73,945 pairs have been diverted from landfills, 166,893,865 gallons of water saved, 2,218,350 CO2E emissions averted in the month of August. It's great that our club is part of these figures, so, keep them coming.

WCPH Website: Joan Garbarino

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

Communications: Jennifer DeStefano

Happy Fall, Ladies! Please keep sharing pictures from the Woman's Club events you attend! It's a great way to show everyone what we've been up to and all the wonderful things our club is doing.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram, and please like, share and follow! This month, I added a Facebook post asking everyone to share a favorite memory or spot in Parsippany, past or present. I would like to do more posts like this, so please check it out! If you have a minute or two, leave a comment. It helps more people see our page and learn about our club!

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066372682767>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wcpth/>

FOREVER Shared Album:

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



HIGHLAND'S DISTRICT AT STATE COUNCIL MTG (10/19)



JBWS PRESENTATION AT MORRIS MUSEUM (10/13)



VOLUNTEERING AT THE ALZHEIMER'S WALK (10/3)

