



# CONVENTION CHATTER

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New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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## Federation Dollars...Where do they Go?

By Joyce Fredericks, NJSFWC Treasurer

The responsibilities of the Treasurer are to pay all the bills of the NJSFWC. This included the replacement of one window in our Board room. Eventually all the windows will have to be replaced. Several plumbing issues had to be dealt with. Several snow storms required snow removal and sanding of our parking lot. In general, NJSFWC was lucky that we did not sustain any permanent storm damage this winter.

The Land Rent for our Headquarters Building was renewed last year for \$21,000 with Rutgers and has been paid quarterly. The salaries of the staff which includes the Executive Director, a part time Secretary and office help, the services of the cleaning woman, and a part time Accountant were paid. Conflict of Interest forms were distributed, read and signed by the Board Members as part of the annual non-profit organization requirement.

Checks for funds received through the Continuing Funds Form were prepared and given to the Financial Secretary to be mailed out to the recipients. The final payment to our 2015-2016 Special State Project, NAMI was made in the amount of \$8,514.25. This year from the interest of the Evelyn Colgan Braille Fund, we sent a check for \$3,000 to Helen Diller's Summer Home for Blind Children in Avalon, NJ and \$642 to the Seeing Eye. Shots for Life was sent \$1,976, Canine Companions \$343 and Heifer received \$3,122.

A check for \$12,683.24 was prepared and sent to the Alumnae Association of Douglass College who will distribute the funds. \$3,000 was presented to Douglass from the Women of Achievement patrons for a scholarship. Eight Margaret Yardley Fellowships were chosen and the checks sent to the recipients colleges in time for the fall semester.

While dues do not cover all the expenses of Federation, the

interest from the Headquarters Foundation Fund and the Endowment Fund help to pay the bills. Raffles held at State Fall Conference and at Convention also help to meet the budget.

The Charitable Registration was filed with 72 clubs filing under NJSFWC. The Auditor requested an extension to file the Federation's 990 and that was filed in April.

The annual audit for the period May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 was completed and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Convention workshop was held with a speaker from the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission on all things raffles.

This Treasurer has enjoyed the challenge of the Treasury of the NJSFWC.



## Budgeting and Fundraising for the Future

By Vivien Finn, NJSFWC Financial Secretary

This Officer prepared the NJSFWC Budget which was presented to the Board for approval. She is also responsible for overseeing the clubs under the Federation's 501(c) (3) determination. The Country Shore Woman's Club registered with NJSFWC to be added to the IRS list.

This Officer arranged two meetings with the Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor to update the Executive Committee on the status of the Margaret Yardley Fund, Headquarters Foundation Fund, the Evelyn Colgan Braille Fund and two Endowment Funds which are in the Federation

Accounts. This year, the Federation was able to award eight \$1,000 Margaret Yardley Fellowships to female NJ residents who are pursuing graduate studies.

Continuing Funds donations from individual clubs throughout the state resulted in the distribution of \$10,711.45 to eighteen NJSFWC focus areas.

This Officer prepared the Convention Budget and is responsible for overseeing all financial aspects of the Annual Convention.

Fundraising is also the responsibility of this Officer. She chaired a summer luncheon and

basket raffle at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant beach in August which netted \$9,200 for the Headquarters Fund. A bracelet with a charm depicting NJSFWC Headquarters Building was introduced last June at the Council Meetings. The winning ticket for the Nifty 50/50 raffle was drawn at the Tuesday night Banquet.

She received 115 Fundraising Reports from clubs and compiled the results for the GFWC reports. Ten fundraising projects from the following clubs were submitted to GFWC for their impact on the community: the Porch Club

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of Riverton, the GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, the Sparta Woman's Club, the Long Valley Juniores, the Book and Needle Club, the Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club, the Junior Woman's Club of Verona, the Woman's Club of Rutherford, the Woman's Club of Middletown, and the Woman's Club of Verona. The Club Creativity Project winner was the Woman's Club of Verona for their Luminary fundraiser.

## College District - Supporting Many Projects

By Maribeth Hugelmeyer, Vice President, College District

The College District's very active 972 members, within its 28 clubs and 4 Juniorette groups worked very hard this past year on many projects supporting their local communities and the State.

The Metuchen-Edison Woman's Club advertised their September meeting and invited interested women to attend in order to recruit new members. The Franklin Woman's Club held a very successful Membership Tea.

The North Brunswick Woman's Club, the Woman's Club of Hillsborough and the

Franklin Woman's Club held Tricky Tray/Auctions/Craft Shows. The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield and the East Brunswick Woman's Club held their annual theater party. The Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township held a fashion show. The Hightstown Woman's Club ran a successful Christmas House Tour of 5 local homes. The Branchburg Woman's Club and the North Brunswick Woman's Club had Pound Auctions. The Cranbury Woman's Club had their

annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Flemington Woman's Club had a character actor playing Julia Child at their fundraiser. The Kalmia Club enjoyed holding a dinner dance at their local Elks Club to support their scholarship fund. The Montgomery Woman's Club had a diner fundraiser, whereby the diner gave the club a percentage of the tab when a flier was presented.

The Woman's Club of Clinton held an appreciation luncheon for any past or present military family. The Holland Township Woman's

Club helped in hosting a Veterans Day ceremony.

The Greater Hightstown Juniorettes and the Boys Charity Group had entries in the District Spelling Bee.



## Evening Membership - Making Their Presence Known

By Jane Mackesy, Vice President, Evening Membership



The amazing women of the Evening Membership District had a busy 2017. The members of the 10 EMD's of the NJSFWC made their presence known in the communities that they serve across the state of NJ.

EMDers gave scholarships, sponsored GCI candidates, donated books, held book exchanges and sales. They

read to students for Read Across America and other events, sponsored Book Clubs, and held Author Events.

Veterans benefitted from Boatsie's Boxes, and collections of items for local Veteran's Hospitals. Veterans were honored at special dinners, and as speakers at Club events.

Fundraising and Social events included a Bowling Bash, Designer Bag Bingos, Progressive Dinners, a Doll and Me Tea Party, Paint Nights, Theater Parties,

Dinners with members, Tricky Trays, Jewelry Parties etcetera!

Many Food Banks were the recipients of EMD donations of food and monetary donations. Families received assistance at Thanksgiving, Christmas and throughout the year. Victims of Domestic Violence at Dottie's House, Women Rising and other sites, were supported through donations of school supplies, toiletries and Easter baskets.

We supported the State Project PCA-NJ. Items were

donated for the Halloween Party, Pinwheel Gardens were planted, Proclamations prepared for Child Abuse Prevention Month, and portions of fundraisers were earmarked for PCA-NJ.

Crafty members (including the Knit-Wits) made hats, blankets and scarves among other items that were given to those in need. Dozens of Purple Hats were donated to PCA-NJ.

These are just a few of the projects that continue to make the Ladies of the EMD so amazing!

## Garden District - Bees Are Buzzing

By Joelle Wentz, Vice President, Garden District

The Garden District's 1,042 members within its 25 clubs and 2 Affiliate clubs have been busy bees.

Woman's Club of Edgewater Park conducted bus trips, Pinwheel Gardens, and supported Meals of Love.

Gloucester County Women's Club cooked and served for the Ronald McDonald House.

A District book discussion of "Clara and Mr. Tiffany" was hosted by The Haddon Fortnightly, with a Brunch and tour of Tiffany windows at a local church.

GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly members collected over 100 bras for Save the Girls, delivered cupcakes monthly to Veterans Haven, provided monthly movie night refreshments to local Family Center, and taught life skills classes at a home for expectant mothers.

Woman's Club of Penns Grove/Carneys Point celebrated 100 years and decorated a tree that was donated by their club with brightly colored eggs. Participation in Wreaths Across America resulted in over 600

people in attendance laying 900 wreaths.

Porch Club of Riverton began their 128<sup>th</sup> year traveling to NYC to present a check for \$23,000 from their annual "Paint the Porch Pink" project. Since 2011 this club has raised \$78,000 for breast cancer research.

Woman's Club of Wenonah celebrated their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and each month a different member read notes focusing on a decade of their club history.

The Woman's Club of Woodbury may be small with 5

members, but large at heart while supporting their local food bank with lunches to feed the homeless.



## Highlands District - Supporting Many Causes

By Barbara McCloskey, Vice President, Highlands District

The 1,000 members of the Highlands District are compassionate, dedicated volunteers and have worked hard over the year to support many causes with fundraisers and projects. All clubs that reported indicated they supported the Special State Project, presented scholarships to students, collected food, toiletries or other requested items for their local food pantries and Domestic Violence shelters.

**Woman's Club of Belvidere** held their annual Belvidere in

Bloom event, which included a Victorian House tour and many quality artisans and antique dealers. The **Chatham Woman's Club** sponsored the Library Summer Children's Reading Project by financing the prizes for each child who read 10 books and helped at a picnic given in their honor. Over 4,200 lbs. of food was collected by the Hopatcong Woman's Club.

Clubs embraced knitting and crocheting with the **Sparta, Roxbury,**

**Hopatcong, Thursday Morning Club, Vernon, Denville-Rockaway & Morristown** club members knitting or crocheting hundreds of purple hats to support Prevent Child Abuse-NJ.

Many clubs supported Veterans, with the **Blair Woman's Club** sending Valentine cards to Veteran's Haven North, **Sparta** collected 80 holiday gifts for the Veteran's hospital in West Orange, **Denville-Rockaway** held an Applebee's pancake breakfast and the **Washington Club**

made a cash donation for an Army veteran and family moving into a Habitat for Humanity house.

The **Junior Women's Club of Somerset Hills** sold almost 100 gingerbread house kits as a fundraiser. Our animal friends were not forgotten with the **Morristown Woman's Club** collecting over 470 items for #911dogandcatrescue.

The Highlands Clubwomen are all devoted and dedicated volunteers.



## Liberty District - Numerous Projects

By Carol Swinburne, Vice President, Liberty District



Liberty District clubs had a very busy year with their numerous projects.

The **WCs of Belleville and Upper Montclair** took part in the Adopt-a-Room Project for the local Safe House redecorating a room with window treatments, bedding,

towels, wall decorations, floor covering, and lamps. The **WC of Bloomfield** supported the Safe House with Summer Picnic Supplies and beach towels. The **Roseland JWC** donated birthday items for the children. The **West Essex WC** donated bedding. The **WC of Berkeley Heights** supports their local shelter with supplies and personal items. The **WC of Maplewood** adopted a local elementary classroom, helping with their play, The Lion King. The **WC of Allwood** donated monthly groceries to their local

food pantry.

Book and Author events were held by the **WC of Arlington** and the **WC of Little Falls**. The **8th District Contemporaries** sponsored a bus trip to GFWC Headquarters for the Open House. The **Liberty District and 8th District Past Presidents** ran a Mystery Auction and a Fall Luncheon for Special State Project. The **JWC of Arlington** and their **Juniorettes** hosted their Annual Chili Cook-off.

The **WC of Belleville** hosted a PCA-NJ Human Trafficking

Assembly at the local high school. The **WC of Montclair** hosted an "Opioid Addiction Awareness Conference."

The **WC of Verona**, the **JWC of Verona**, and the **Verona-Essex Juniorettes** jointly ran the Luminary Project, "Share Your Light Night", which included residents and businesses to light up the town.

Liberty Ladies volunteer as they "Trust in the Day and Believe in the Future."

## Palisades District - Paying It Forward

By Susan Fosdick, Vice President, Palisades District

NJSFWC Projects were supported, including Special State Project, Boatsie Boxes and Girls' Career Institute.

**Book and Needle** celebrated their 100th Anniversary. **Carlstadt** baked cookies for Paramus Veteran's Home. **Cresskill** held a blood drive. **Dumont** supported a resident at Vineland Developmental Center with Christmas and Birthday presents. **Englewood** held their summer time tea. **Greater Pascack Valley** held a slumber party for residents of The Atrium.

**Contemporary of Hasbrouck Heights** co-

sponsored an event at the library so elementary school children could make a haunted house out of boxes. **Haworth** donated 600 Easter eggs filled with Pepperidge Farm goldfish for a daycare center for migrant children. **Leonia** collected money for UNICEF. **Lyndhurst** participated in the "Bottoms Up" project. **North Arlington** beautified their Main Street by planting flowers.

**Maywood** made doorknob hangers for a Rehab facility. **New Milford** held a Bring a Friend Pizza Party Luncheon. **Norwood/Northvale** supported three local food pantries.

**Ridgefield Park** donated school supplies and backpacks to Center for Hope and Safety. **River Edge** made Blizzard Bags for shut-ins. **River Edge Juniors** presented "Most Improved Student" awards to children in five public schools. **Rutherford** urges new members to participate in Club and Federation activities.

**Contemporary Woman's Club of Washington Township** purchased 26 tickets to the Museum of Natural History and donated them to their library for distribution. **Westwood** had a Summer Salad Supper to promote friendship between old

and new members.

**STRONG, DEDICATED** women of the Palisades District **Trust in the Day - Believe in the Future.**

**Pay it forward**



## Ramapo District - Supporting Others

By Virginia Huresky, Vice President, Ramapo District

Ramapo District supported the NJSFWC Special State Project Prevent Child Abuse-NJ, attending many fundraising events. The **Woman's Club of West Milford, Allendale Woman's Club and Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River** provided clothing and other personal necessities for women and children in local Woman's Shelters.

The **Woman's Club of Ramsey** participated in their town-wide functions providing service to their community. Many donations were made to

local food pantries by **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains and Montville Township Woman's Club**. Both clubs also sponsored several community programs regarding Human Trafficking and Drug Addiction.

**Pines Lake Woman's Club** continues to make "Hug-A-Bears" which are donated to their local First Aid Squad to give to children during a crisis. The **Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus** and the **Pompton Lakes Woman's Club**

sponsored events before Easter. There was face painting, having pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and an Easter egg hunt.

**Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club** donated toys to adoptive and foster services for underprivileged children. **Glen Rock Women in Community Service** make and send Valentine's cards to servicemen from their community who are stationed overseas. **Saddle Brook Woman's Club** and the **Woman's Club of Franklin Lakes** provide scholarships for

selected high school graduates. The **Woman's Club of Ridgewood** delivers Meals-on-Wheels monthly. **Ringwood Woman's Club** sponsors a blood drive in the community. **Riverdale Woman's Club** sponsors "Crop Day" for women who love to create scrapbook pages. The **North Jersey Woman's Club** supports Girl Scouts working toward their Gold Awards.



## Shore District - Speakers, Projects and More...

By Nancy Fortin, Vice President, Shore District

**Allaire** had a mitten tree and ornament exchange.

**Asbury Park** investigated "The Many Costs of Not Having a Will".

**Belmar** raised funds to benefit Wounded Warrior's.

**Brick** collected toiletries for Domestic Violence.

**Brielle** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, did Christmas/Valentines decorations at a local nursing home.

**Colts Neck** held a breakfast for Collier Youth Services, celebrated a member selected as a Women of Achievement.

**Freehold** picked and delivered apples to the "Open Door" pantry. Learned about the Yamba. Uganda hospital.

**Jersey Shore** had a speaker from Consumer Affairs.

**Lacey** introduced the Organ Donation/Caring Network into their club.

**Little Silver** had someone speak on interior decorating

**Matawan** made blizzard bags for Meals-on-Wheels.

**Middletown** held an International tasting luncheon to benefit CATE, and NJSFWC

International Exchange scholarship.

**Past-Presidents** had a Federation trivia game.

**Point Pleasant** held a Domestic Violence Symposium. One of their members talked about the importance of bees in agriculture.

**Spring Lake** went to the Franklin Institute's Terra Cotta Soldiers exhibit and held a game night at a local nursing home.

**Stafford Township** had a Fire Marshall and a speaker on "K-9 dogs."

**Tinton Falls** adopted a

mother/daughter for the holidays.

We partnered with other organizations, contributed to Boatsie's Boxes, scholarships exceeded \$50,000, 17 girls went to GCI, gave to "Going to the Dogs", attended Federation workshops, did 4,000+ projects, 310,000 hours, \$400,000 in-cash/\$600,000 In-kind donations, donated to emergency squads, food banks, animal rescue, and Special State Project.

We "Trust in the Day - Believe in the Future"

## Southern District - Helping So Many People

By Mary Ellen Cropper, Vice President, Southern District



The Southern District has 7 Clubs and 1 affiliate club, with about 430 members.

The **WC of Absecon** has sponsored an Art Show for local children grades K-8, for the past

30+ years. They baked twice for a month for a local nursing home, delivered extra goodies on holidays, plus calendars. The club donated lifesavers to the firehouses.

The **WCC of Cape May** held a yard sale and card party for PCA-NJ and their scholarship fund. Members also judged a baby parade; collected for the local food bank, animal shelter and Caring for Kids. They sponsored 2 girls for GCI.

**Colony Club of Ocean City** held a Wounded Warrior potluck dinner for a veteran and his

family. They sponsored a Spelling Bee for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and baked cookies to deliver to the fire houses for Martin Luther King Day of Service.

**Millville WC** donated items from their Tree of Warmth, had a Tree of Remembrance for a scholarship fundraiser and baked cookies for senior citizens, hosted the District Spelling Bee, Performing Arts Day and GCI Delegates Reception.

The **WC of Vineland** supplied fresh fruit for the Soup Kitchen, collected school supplies,

donated items for Code Blue, baked cookies for the Veteran's Home, and made 238 purple baby hats for PCA-NJ. They supported the library that the club started in 1902 by writing a letter against privatization.

The **Ex-Presidents Club of the Southern District** is an affiliate club that meets twice a year for a great lunch and to renew old friendships.

## Cases and Capes...

By Karen Manneback, Arts/Creative Community Service Program Chairman

These Women are amazing! We partnered with Advocate for Children to make pillowcases for "Ryans Cases for Smiles" with 145 pillowcases donated. They donated 523 Art books to libraries and schools. Members created 3,585 projects, donated 63,614 hours, donated in-kind donations of \$49,691.00 and clubs spent \$36,325.00.

The Most Creative project this year was from the Woman's Club of Point Pleasant. It was a program on making "Capes for Kids". This program was

inspired by an article in a magazine. The magazine article said "every child living in a shelter needs to hear, "Don't wait for a superhero, **BE ONE!**" By making and donating these capes children will experience the power of imagination, which will enable them to use inner strength to help develop self-confidence.

The capes were created with a no sew pattern, using cotton, knit or flannel fabric. Fabric glue, ribbon and various items were used to decorate the

capes. The capes were cut out from the fabric and fabric glue was used to secure the Velcro at the neck and all raw edges were turned under. A variety of symbols were cut out and glued onto the capes. The themes of the capes varied from football, hearts, stars, super heroes, princesses, wizards, etc.

Popular crafts throughout the year were: making tray favors, Centerpieces, Photography, Creating Jewelry, Name Tags, Baking, Art/Art Projects and a variety of crafts for Achievement

Day. All districts had a successful achievement Day. **Most important: HAVE FUN**



## Alive and Growing

By Patricia Dahl, Arts/Performing Community Service Program Chairman



The Arts Performing is alive and growing in the clubs of New Jersey! They sang, danced, went to the theaters and entered the Creative Writing contests to

name a few activities. There were 39 entries received with 14 for the youth contests and 25 for members. Eight entries sent to GFWC included short stories and poetry.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township** did a unique topic for their creative writing youth entries for short story of "Parent of the Year". The contest was for fourth grade students. The parent(s) also included caregiver(s). After the winners were chosen the parents/caregivers were asked to come to school to be

honored. They received a bouquet of flowers and the entries were read aloud. This was conducted during lunch periods. Pictures were taken of the winners, the parents/caregivers, and the principal who were then put on the clubs website and submitted to their local paper.

Another project by the **Woman's Club of Merchantville** was to create a club chorus. A member asked the club for any interested participants and sixteen people volunteered. From there the

chorus became a reality and has brought new members to their club.

At the District Art Festivals, the entertainment was incredible with more clubs this year participating and larger audiences. This chairman was very pleased and impressed.

Clubs reported 1,145 projects, volunteering 30,709 hours, donating \$67,311 and \$33,652 in-kind donations.



## Strong Support for Conservation Efforts

By Jane Pullaro, Conservation Community Service Program Chairman

Federation clubwomen are strong supporters of Conservation projects. During the reporting year 2017, member clubs performed 1,419 projects, volunteered 75,432 hours, donated \$33,972.50 dollars and had in-kind donations of \$54,692.00.

Clubwomen were supportive of the NJSFWC Continuing Funds Conservation recipients. The Batsto Nature Area received \$316.68, the Greenbrook Sanctuary \$308.68, the Blackledge-Kearney House

\$308.68 and the Science Natural/Applied Scholarships \$358.68.

Some popular Conservation club projects were in the areas of recycling, beautifying town areas or beaches, and the environment. Animal rescue and management was generously supported with time as well as money. Clubs interacted and visited natural areas such as national and state parks, community and regional gardens. Environmental issues and

awareness projects (large and small) were also reported.

A pollinator garden created by the **Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township** was especially successful incorporating native and unique plantings to attract and sustain the pollinator species essential to New Jersey landscapes.

The nine District Achievement Days highlighted the creative efforts of clubwomen around the state. The Artistic Design category included floral arrangements (fresh, artificial,

door décor, and seasonal creations). The Houseplant Division included plants such as green, flowering, cacti and orchids. The variety of submissions was shown by the creativity of the clubwomen involved.

Conservation projects done by our members share the common purpose of beautifying, saving and respecting the natural world we share with all living things.

## Educational Contributions in Communities

By Marie DiMatties, Education Community Service Program Chairman

Congratulations to the 115 Clubs that submitted Education Reports. The numbers are amazing! A total of 1,554 projects, 45,957 volunteer hours, \$522,706 donated and \$84,041 in-kind. Imagine what the totals would be if every Club submitted a report! This Chairman couldn't be prouder of the wonderful educational contributions NJSFWC Clubs have made within their communities.

Here are two interesting projects:

The Woman's Club of

Edgewater Park learned that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes were embarking on a project to help the children in South Sudan, Africa after reading *The Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park which describes water and education problems in South Sudan. The Woman's Club decided to lend their support. A watering can was passed around at a club meeting requesting donations. The watering can was filled with \$280 to give to the students for this very worthwhile project. Subsequently, the women were

invited to read chapters of the book to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

The West Deptford Junior Woman's Club in conjunction with the West Deptford Public Library sponsored a bookmark contest during Library Week. Students in the community are asked to design bookmarks on a specific theme, entries were judged across the grade levels K-8. Twelve winners were awarded a Barnes and Noble gift card. Honorable Mention recipients were given a certificate. All awards are presented at a community

reception during Library Week in April. Members spent fifteen vo unteer hours and \$120 on this project.



## Clothing Drives, Blood Drives and So Much More...

By Carol Niemiec, Home Life Community Service Program Chairman



One hundred nine clubs reported to NJSFWC. They proudly announced they performed 1,850 projects, volunteered 74,437 hours of their time, donating \$207,608 and \$453,805 In-Kind donations.

Club women supported the GFWC Partner Project Canine Companions for Independence with 11 projects, 53 volunteer hours, \$1,250 donated and \$150 In-Kind donations. Clubs also supported the GF Partner Easterseals with 11 projects, 25 volunteer hours, \$770 donated and \$330 In-Kind donations.

Clothing drives are a priority project for club women. The East Brunswick Woman's Club collected 85 new and gently used coats with an in-kind value of \$2,000 and

delivered them to a local crisis room. The Pines Lake Woman's Club clothing drive benefitted "Dress for Success" and other charities, with an in-kind value of \$5,000.

The West Deptford Junior Women's Club with only 12 members, organized a blood drive with the Red Cross and collected 62 units of blood with an in-kind value of \$9,315.

The Merchantville Woman's Club sponsored an "Operation Santa" program, helping 40 special needs children, with

holiday gifts, such as bikes, helmets, clothing, shoes and toys, with an in-kind value of \$4,000.

The Lyndhurst Woman's Club runs their Township Foodbank. These dedicated women service 150 families yearly, collected over 5,000 pounds of food with an in-kind value of \$45,000.

Approximately 526 pounds of pop "tabs" were delivered from Headquarters to the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick.

## NJSFWC Supporting Around the World

By Barbara Cook, International Outreach Community Service Program Chairman

Clubs again showed their support to International Outreach projects. Some clubs worked on traditional projects, while others worked on projects new to this chairman. 340 projects were reported by 82 clubs. Clubs spent 6,201 hours donating \$37,864 in donations and \$35,709 in-kind donations. Operation Smile, Heifer and Free the Girls were again the most popular projects. There were 373 gowns, 42 quilts, 55 Smile bags, 71 Smile dolls donated to Operations Smile. In total,

\$6,845 was donated, along with \$5,861 in-kind donations to Operation Smile. Funds were collected (\$4,993) and given to Heifer to purchase animals such as honey bees, chicks, goats and bio stoves. The Women's League of Mt. Holly, purchased 90 Life Straws, up 30 from last year and other clubs paid for an additional 20 straws. Free the Girls received over 1,000 bras which were collected, that's a lot of bras! The WC of Bloomfield made collecting a

fun event by hosting a Bra-zzeria party. Yes, pizza and wine was served.

The clubs were very generous in giving of their time and with monetary and in-kind donations. There were over 1,183 hours, \$9,122 and \$8,783 (in-kind) donations to other projects. Clubs adopted schools in other countries. The Suburban WC of Pompton Plains adopted a school in Ghana for disabled children and donated wheelchair, braces, craft and school supplies. Junior WC of

Jefferson Township donated boxes of items to Samaritan's Purse. Peapack-Gladstone WC sent 20 completed kits to Days for Girls.



**Showing Love for the Military**

By Ora Kokol, Public Issues Community Service Program Chairman



Our clubs found multiple ways of showing how important the military, both active and veterans, are to them. Boatsie's boxes again proved to lead the way with members filling 1,640 Christmas stockings to the tippy top with a variety of items, and showed their generosity by donating over

\$8,000.00. USO benefited with donations, and boxes and boxes of greeting cards, Wreaths Across America was supported, as well as, the Yellow Ribbon Champaign. Residents of veteran's facilities throughout our state received articles of clothing, cup cakes, cookies, and financial donations, also bingo and card parties were held and prizes were provided. Sew Much Comfort was aided financially, and one club member adapted clothing for this organization.

Local communities were not neglected, clubs and members gave financial support to their fire departments, ambulance and rescue squads, and a few clubs reported they held fundraisers to assist in purchasing needed equipment. Two clubs gave bags of individually wrapped Life Savers to them with a note enclosed saying "To My Favorite Life Saver" showing them they were appreciated.

Clubs also supported their home towns, by participating, financing and organizing

Veteran's Day, and Memorial Day celebrations and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades.

Members served their municipalities as freeholders, members of county and local boards, worked at the election polls, and encouraged members to vote in all elections. Proving our members are continuing to help others both near and far!

Reported from 105 clubs, 1,277 projects – hours 16,754 – Dollars \$59,512. – In-kind- donations - \$77,745.

**Advocacy for Children a Huge Success**

By Claire Hill, Advocates for Children Chairman

This chairman was honored to serve as the first NJSFWC Advocates for Children Chairman.

Sixty-seven clubs reported 465 projects totaling 10,638 hours, \$37,585 donated and \$36,313 in-kind donations.

Several Clubs held Turkey Trots and Drumstick Dash realizing over \$6,000 while other club women knitted, crocheted and sewed blankets, hats and sweaters all to benefit the Children's Home Society of New Jersey.

Pajamas were collected in various ways, including a pajama party at a president's

home where members and friends came in pajamas and donated over 35 pairs of children's pajamas. Over 150 pairs of pajamas were collected by Club Women across New Jersey for underserved children.

Many boxes of hats, pajamas, children's clothes, handmade blankets, purses, coloring books, crayons and other items were sent to Putting Prayers to Action to benefit the children of Appalachia. Letters of appreciation were received after each delivery.

Boxes of new and gently used baby clothes, diapers and hats were donated to Brithrites

across New Jersey. A crib, highchair and stroller was also donated to benefit unwed mothers.

One club collected duffle bags and filled each with a plastic gallon size bag of personal items. These 40 bags were delivered to CASA for children in the foster care program.

One club purchased 144 thumb rings in various colors which read TEXTING KILLS. The rings were given to the local high school to be distributed to high school seniors or juniors who drive.

Through their work as Advocates for Children, the

members of NJSFWC have shown that they "Trust in the Day~Believe in the Future".



**Deserving Recipients**

By Rachael Salandra, Cecilia Gaines Holland/Margaret Yardley Chairman

In 1893, Margaret Tufts Swan Yardley served on the board of managers of the Columbia Exposition in Chicago, where a collection of writings of NJ women, compiled by her, were exhibited. The first State President of our Federation would be very proud of the women pursuing Graduate degrees in various fields who applied for the Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund. As required, all applications included transcripts, two letters of reference, a

personal essay and a compilation of community service, sent by the date of March 1, 2018 were received.

All information was copied by this chairman distributed to the other members of the committee, at the March Committee meeting. Eight Fellows and two alternates were selected for the \$1,000 tuition award.

The Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund Committee accomplished its mission.

**2018 NJSFWC Margaret Yardley Fellowship Recipients**

Minna Sabbahi  
Master Public Health

Jillian Hall  
Doctor of Medicine

Crystal White  
Princeton Theological Seminary

Helen Kim  
Doctor of Medicine

Alyssa Indri  
Speech-Language  
Pathology

Samantha Ouellette  
Doctor of Medicine

Serina Bsales  
Doctor of Medicine

Jasmin Acevedo  
Social Work

## Keeping Club Members Informed

By Chris Burlew, Communications Chairman

*A total of 4,807 communication projects, 29,310 volunteer hours, \$42,064 was donated and \$32,604 in-kind donations were reported by 116 clubs.*

*Many clubs were engaged in upgrading and expanding their Facebook pages. Some clubs added membership info and application, pictures and videos of their events and one club included links to both the latest You Tube videos about NJSFWC and GFWC.*

While the telephone committee

and email are still effective tools for keeping in touch with members, more clubs are utilizing newsletters and postcards.

In order to keep their community informed, clubs have formed many valuable contacts with their libraries and Chamber of Commerce. These partnerships have increased their presence in the community. Several clubs have waived their rental fees and offered their clubhouse

for various events. In turn, some clubs were able to hold their meeting at other locations for free. Other clubs have encouraged their members to post club activities on their own personal Facebook page.

More clubs have become aware of the importance of on line publications and are taking advantage of this tool. Other clubs have partnered with their local school districts and distribute event flyers to students in their weekly take-

home folders. In some cases, the school prints the flyers for free.

Business cards with lifesavers attached were placed in local libraries to remind women to get a yearly mammogram as well as to promote their club.

One club purchased a one year subscription to The Knot in order to promote clubhouse rentals.



## Going to the Dogs

By Ora M. Kokol, Day of Service Chairman

“Going to the Dogs” was the name of the Day of Service project. Information about this Day of Service was announced by this Chairman at the State Fall Conference. There were three organizations who would be the beneficiary. Two assist wounded veterans, who are in need of a service dog, and the other is for individuals in need of a service dog for various health conditions.

The organizations being supported were: Patriots Paws,

located in Rockwall, Texas – Service Dogs of America in Jud, N.D. and Canine Companions for Independence, in Medford, N.Y.

Clubs were supplied a “Wish List” that contained a list of needs all three organizations requested that could be purchased for their use. The date selected was February 10, 2018. Four sites in various locations

throughout the state were chosen as the collection and receiving sites. Members from this committee were at each designated area to receive these donations. Club members assisted in recording products, sorting and packing all items received. Such a variety of dog items – collars, leads (of various sizes), and numerous dog toys of every size! All were divided evenly and were sent to the three recipients. The estimated

value of these donations was \$3,740.00.

Numerous clubs gave financial donations as well as donations to help defray the mailing costs. The generosity was again shown by our members giving over \$4,500.00 to this Day of Service project. Again our clubs came through with their support of “Going to the Dogs”!

## Interesting Speakers and More...

By Sue Stenson, Fall Conference Chairman

On Monday, October 23, 2017, President Jean Revis and the Fall Conference Committee welcomed 251 club members and guests to The Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, New Jersey. One member of the GFWC Executive Committee, eight members of the NJSFWC Executive Committee, twenty-nine members of the NJSFWC Board and six Past State Presidents were in attendance.

The day began with Continental Breakfast and two rooms full of vendors and displays of Community Service Program Chairmen and Special Appointments. Walgreens gave out 48 flu shots and 10 pneumonia shots, enabling 48 less privileged people to obtain shots through the Get a Shot...Give a Shot Program.

Nancy Fortin, Shore District Vice President, welcomed all attendees to her district; and President Jean Revis introduced the Head Table, the Past State Presidents, the Executive Committee and the Board Members.

Carol Ann Hontz, a member of both the Peapack/Gladstone and Tewksbury Township Women’s Clubs, spoke about the Days For Girls organization which provides washable feminine hygiene solutions and health education to girls in over 110 countries.

Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt, author, former AADC Board President and 2016 Woman of Achievement, spoke about “Victoria’s Secrets”, how to live a young life in your 90’s.

Gina Hernandez, Senior

Vice President of Programs at Prevent Child Abuse talked about what verbal abuse does to the brain and child abuse and trafficking prevention programs.

Third Vice President, Shirley Holly, presented the NJSFWC Chairmen who were speaking in the morning session: Girls’ Career Institute Director, Jill McDonald, who also showed a video from the 2017 GCI, made by Mary Kay Tokar; Headquarters Chairman, Irene Cash; Honors Chairman, Jean Battaglia; and Jan Hanson, NJSFWC Second Vice President, gave a Report Writing update.

Grace before lunch was offered by Linda Babeuf, Past State President (2012-2014).

Our Keynote Speaker was Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC

President-elect and NJSFWC Past State President, 2000-2002. Mary Ellen talked about many things the Women’s Clubs have done to improve the world through legislation. She then announced the ‘Recognize the Red’ Campaign where members will be asked to sign letters, including NJSFWC and GFWC, to legislators in red.

GFWC Awards were presented by Second Vice President Jan Hanson, and Membership Awards were announced by Third Vice President Shirley Holly. Mary Pat Marcello, Past State President, read the Registration Report; and Patricia Dahl, Arts Performing Chairman, closed out the day by leading all attendees with the singing of “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”





## Domestic Violence – Supporting in a Time of Need

By Rosemarie Saviello, GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman



This chairman is proud to announce that our clubs completed 631 projects, volunteered 11,143 hours, donated \$23,508, and \$108,951 in-kind donations for Domestic

Violence Awareness and Prevention. Seventy-eight reports were received and regardless of the figures, it is important that we support domestic violence. This is what makes our clubs and Federation so great, supporting other women and children in their time of need.

The Woman's Club of Point Pleasant held a domestic violence program to inform attendees of victim's experiences, and invited speakers from shelters to discuss their services. The Suburban Woman's Club of

Pompton Plains held a Human Trafficking program where a trafficked survivor explained the horrors of her experience and how she escaped after spending many years held captive.

Our projects to support shelters were many, i.e., the Woman's Club of Belleville participated in "adopt a room" where they painted and re-decorated a shelter room. Clubs were generous in their donations, giving necessities as well as extras to the women and children. Many clubs remembered the holidays by

providing gifts, helped with summer baskets, and donated many back packs.

Our projects were not only useful, they were also creative, i.e., the Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights donated maternity clothes and GFWC Peninsula Woman's Club held a Zumbathon to raise money.

Thanks to all the clubs who participated in the "Bottoms Up" project, the Mardi Bra project and finally the "High Five" project. Thank You for all efforts made, you should all be very proud.

## Pathway to Higher Education and Career Choices

By Jill McDonald, Girls' Career Institute Director

A mini-college experience awaits 180 high school junior girls from throughout New Jersey as they gather June 4-7, 2018 at the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Girls' Career Institute to be held on the Douglass Residential Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. The Delegates, sponsored by local women's clubs, will reside in Lippincott Hall, eat in the cafeteria, attend presentations and workshops in Hickman Hall and participate in recreational activities such as swimming and Zumba. Craft and service projects will round out the

variety of options offered during free time.

Delegates will hear from women whose life experiences have led them to success in law, environmental science, medicine, accounting, technology, physical therapy, fitness, advertising, the airline industry, politics, media presentation, writing, human resources and law enforcement. The presenters will tell the girls about alternative routes they chose to overcome stumbling blocks along the way.

Additional activities to showcase individual

accomplishments will include Art, Talent, and Fashion shows. SPIRIT NIGHT is the crowning event of GCI. Each group will band together to devise an original skit, prepare props and perform for the audience of their peers and staff. GCI closing ceremonies will include a performance by the GCI chorus with many parents in attendance.

Fourteen NJFWC club women will volunteer their time as Housemothers for the Honey Bees, Swans, Hummingbirds, All Stars, Mighty Ducks, Butterflies, and Lady Bugs. Each group will decorate their

dorm wing according to their theme. A Registered Nurse, IT support person, Recreation Leader, and an Administrative Assistant will round out the staff under the direction of GCI Director, Jill McDonald.

GCI is a pathway to higher education and career choices that the delegates will never forget. They will make life-long friends while enjoying the activities of a unique NJFWC experience unavailable through any other group within the GFWC.

## Create, Update, Preserve and Archive the Club History

By Laura Badger, Historian

Eighty-one Clubs submitted Women's History Reports, reporting on 5,123 History Projects, resulting in 31,365 volunteer hours, dollars donated were \$120,661 and \$22,069 in-kind donations. Clubs continued to create, update, preserve and archive their history and share with members, communities, libraries and historic societies. Sixty-eight clubs supported the 1894 Society. Clubwomen from 41 clubs visited Headquarters, 4 clubs donated items for use at

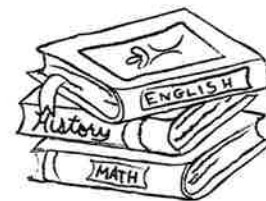
Headquarters. Clubs celebrated Women's History month and observed National History Day. Thirty-nine clubs had presentations on GFWC President-elect Brock, with eleven clubs donating to "Lights for Headquarters" or Believe, Achieve. Nineteen club anniversaries were reported.

The **Book & Needle Club of Oradell** celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation member presenting an historic review. The program souvenir book listed their history through the decades.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Sparta** celebrated 50 years by having a special booth at the Sparta Day event displaying club yearbooks and club memorabilia.

The **Colony Club of Ocean City** maintains an "American Home Department". They researched the history of this bygone department, revived the department as a club activity and members are enjoying the benefits of meeting and doing projects together.

The **Woman's Club of Haworth** prepared a "Name



that Face" project to identify persons in many photos in their press books and scrapbooks. Almost every person was identified.

The **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** collected and organized awards, proclamations and photos of plaques, trophies and books into binders, which are portable and shared at meetings and functions.

**Prevent Child Abuse – NJ**

By Susan Chambers, Special State Project Chairman

What a rewarding two years working with Prevent Child Abuse – New Jersey!

One hundred one clubs reported a total of 818 projects supported by 24,664 volunteer hours that raised \$48,550 with \$36,147 in-kind donations. Just think if EVERY club reported how grand out totals would be!

The Pines Lake Woman's Club, Inc. conducted a workshop on how to "loom knit" baby hats in support of

Click for Babies and The Period of Purple Crying Program.

The Book and Needle Club of Oradell helped run a Baby Shower at NJSFWC Headquarters for PCA-NJ. Club Members helped register guests, set up food, accept gifts, display and inventory them. The room was decorated in pink and blue. Seventy members and guests attended and enjoyed refreshments donated by

members and played baby-themed games. Over 500 items including strollers, pack-n-plays, diapers, car seats, and the like were donated by NJSFWC members from all over the state at a value of over \$5,000.

The Woman's Club of Belleville arranged for two separate 40-minute assemblies at Belleville High School at which PCA-NJ staff members addressed about

600 female students in grades 9-12. The programs were enlightened the students about the various forms of child abuse and what they can do if they are victims or see others being victimized. Crisis counselors were on hand afterward for any students in need.



**CECILIA GAINES HOLLAND AWARD WINNER**

The Cecilia Gaines Holland award was presented to Evelyn Pezzola of the Woman's Club of Lyndhurst.

Evelyn a long time active member received this award for her community service. She serves on many philanthropic Boards such as Library, Historical Society, Meadowland Chamber of Commerce, Meadowlands Museum, Mayor's Committee on Ethics, Bergen County Historic and Cultural Society, Meadowlands Area YMCA, William Carlos Center of Performing Arts.

She helped founded Bergen Mental Health Center in 1969, President of Citizens actively protecting and beautifying her town. As founder she received grant money to build Community Youth Center, secured funds for establishment of the Juvenile Aid Bureau, responsible for establishing the River Road School House as a national Landmark which is now a museum.

The Palisades District and the Woman's Club of Lyndhurst is very proud to have Evelyn as a member of their district.

**Best All Around Reporting – State Winners**

**Advocates for Children**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> WC of Wenonah (Garden)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> East Brunswick WC (College)
<b>Second Place</b>	WC of Emerson (Palisades)	WC of Bloomfield (Liberty)
<b>Third Place</b>	Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)	JWC of Verona (Liberty)

**Arts/Creative**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> WC of Runnemede (Garden)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> Pompton Lakes WC (Ramapo)
<b>Second Place</b>	JWC of Jefferson Township (Highlands)	WC of Rutherford (Palisades)
<b>Third Place</b>	West Essex WC (Liberty)	WC of Bloomfield (Liberty)

**Arts/Performing**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> JWC of Jefferson Township (Highlands)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> WC of Merchantville (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Suburban WC South Plainfield (College)	WC of Belleville (Liberty)
<b>Third Place</b>	West Essex WC (Liberty)	GFWC Woman’s League of Mt. Holly (Garden)

**Conservation**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> WC of Wenonah (Garden)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> WC of Tewksbury Twp. (College)
<b>Second Place</b>	EMD of Arlington WC (EMD)	WC of Manasquan (Shore)
<b>Third Place</b>	Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)	WC of Penns Grove/Carneys Pt. (Garden)

**Education**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> WC of Arlington (Liberty)
<b>Second Place</b>	WC of Middletown (Shore)	Book and Needle Club (Palisades)
<b>Third Place</b>	Gloucester County WC (Garden)	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD (EMD)

**Home Life**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> JWC of Jefferson Township (Highlands)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> WC of Lyndhurst (Palisades)
<b>Second Place</b>	Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)	Porch Club of Riverton (Garden)
<b>Third Place</b>	WC of Ridgefield Park EMD (EMD)	WC of Brielle (Shore)

**International Outreach**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> JWC of Jefferson Township (Highlands)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> Franklin WC (College)
<b>Second Place</b>	West Essex WC (Liberty)	Woman’s League of Mt. Holly (Garden)
<b>Third Place</b>	WC of Runnemede (Garden)	Stafford Twp. WC (Shore)

**Public Issues**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> WC of Caldwell (Liberty)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> WC of Woodstown (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	WC of Clinton (College)	GFWC Woman’s League of Mt. Holly (Garden)
<b>Third Place</b>	Hopatcong WC (Highlands)	Colony Club of Ocean City (Southern)

**Communications**

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Membership Category 4-35</b> West Deptford JWC (Garden)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b> Branchburg WC (College)
<b>Second Place</b>	West Essex WC (Liberty)	Marlton WC (Garden)
<b>Third Place</b>	Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD (EMD)

**Best All Around Reporting – State Winners (continued)**

**Domestic Violence Awareness**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	Peapack-Gladstone WC (Highlands)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	WC of Bloomfield (Liberty)
<b>First Place</b>	Greater Brunswick Area WC (College)		WC of Belleville (Liberty)
<b>Second Place</b>	Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)		Suburban WC of Pompton Plains (Ramapo)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Fundraising**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	WC of Verona (Liberty)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	Marlton WC (Garden)
<b>First Place</b>	WC of West Milford Twp. (Ramapo)		WC of Upper Montclair (Liberty)
<b>Second Place</b>	Cresskill WC (Palisades)		East Brunswick WC (College)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Leadership**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	EMD of Arlington WC (EMD)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	WC of Lacey (Shore)
<b>First Place</b>	JWC of Jefferson Twp. (Ramapo)		Pompton Lakes WC (Ramapo)
<b>Second Place</b>	Gloucester County WC (Garden)		The WC of Upper Montclair (Liberty)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Legislation/Resolutions**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	North Arlington WC (Palisades)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	Woman’s Literary Club of Bound Brook (College)
<b>First Place</b>	West Essex WC (Liberty)		Franklin WC (College)
<b>Second Place</b>	Pines Lake WC (Ramapo)		Marlton WC (Garden)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Membership**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	JWC of West Deptford (Garden)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	Franklin WC (College)
<b>First Place</b>	EMD of Arlington WC (EMD)		Porch Club of Riverton (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	The WC of Caldwell (Liberty)		WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills (Highlands)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Special State Project**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	Riverdale WC (Ramapo)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	Book and Needle Club (Palisades)
<b>First Place</b>	WC of Norwood-Northvale (Palisades)		Stafford Twp. WC (Shore)
<b>Second Place</b>	West Essex WC (Liberty)		WC of Arlington (Liberty)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Women’s History**

<b>Membership Category 4-35</b>	The WC of Maplewood (Liberty)	<b>Membership Category 36+</b>	The WC of Upper Montclair (Liberty)
<b>First Place</b>	WC of West Milford Twp. (Ramapo)		Pompton Lakes WC (Ramapo)
<b>Second Place</b>	WC of Clinton (College)		WC of Brielle (Shore)
<b>Third Place</b>			

**Community Improvement Project**

<b>First Place</b>	Woman’s Club of Colts Neck (Shore)	“Collier Youth Services Project”
<b>Second Place</b>	Woman’s Club of Tewksbury Twp. (Ramapo)	“Days for Girls”
<b>Third Place</b>	Long Valley Juniors (Juniorettes)	“Prom/Party Dress Giveaway”

**NJSFWC Communications Award Winners for 2017-2018**

**Press Book**

Membership 4-35	Cresskill WC (Palisades)
Membership 36+	WC of Vineland (Southern)

**Scrapbook**

1-12 Pages	Sussex WC (Highlands)
13-24 Pages	WC of Edgewater Park (Garden)
25-30 Pages	WC of Rutherford (Palisades)

**Newsletter**

1-2 Printed Pages	Suburban WC of South Plainfield (College)
3-4 Printed Pages	WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills (Highlands)
4+ Printed Pages	Marlton WC (Garden)

**Website Contest**

First Place	Franklin WC (College)
Second Place	WC of Brielle (Shore)
Third Place	WC of Spring Lake (Shore)

**Creative Writing Contest Winners – Members**

**POETRY**

	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Patricia McDermott	"Fathers Day"	Porch Club of Riverton (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Margaret Pangert	"Morning in Winter"	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)
<b>Third Place</b>	Charlotte Clime	"Last Night I Danced with Jesus"	Woman's Club of Colts Neck (Shore)
<b>Hon. Mention</b>	Barbara D. Hall	"Collage in Alcohol Ink"	Suburban WC of Pompton Plains (Ramapo)

**HAIKU**

	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Patricia McDermott	"Chi Tails"	Porch Club of Riverton (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Ellen Lund	"Retirement"	Woman's Club of Belleville (Liberty)
<b>Third Place</b>	Karen Kirk	"Icicles"	Woman's Club of Belleville (Liberty)
<b>Hon. Mention</b>	Barbara Spillane	"Nature's Fury"	Woman's Club of Belleville (Liberty)

**SHORT STORY**

	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Barbara D. Hall	"Encounter of the Best Kind"	Suburban WC of Pompton Plains (Ramapo)
<b>Second Place</b>	Jean Battaglia	"The Silver Thimble"	East Brunswick Woman's Club (College)
<b>Third Place</b>	Meredith Platt	"The Open Gate"	Ridgewood Woman's Club (Ramapo)
<b>Hon. Mention</b>	Annie Guadango	"W-N-E-W Eleven Three O in NY"	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)

**BOOK REVIEW**

	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Joyce C. Dreger	"A Piece of the World"	North Brunswick Woman's Club (College)
<b>Second Place</b>	Barbara Spillane	"The Day John Died"	Woman's Club of Belleville (Liberty)

**PLAY/SKIT**

	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Phyllis Sequeira	"Friendly Fire"	Woman's Club of Berkley Heights (Liberty)

**ESSAY**

	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Patricia Valenti	"Heartland Revealed"	Woman's Club of Merchantville (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Mary Lu Henry	"A Peek into the Federated Future"	Woman's Club of Belleville (Liberty)

**Creative Writing Contest Winners - Youth**

**POETRY**

<u>Category 2 (3, 4 &amp; 5)</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Tessa Huang	"In My Dreams"	Paskack JWC (Palisades)
<b>Second Place</b>	Jack Patrick	"The Crows"	WC of Wenonah (Garden)
<b>Third Place</b>	Robert Bajkowski	"The Library-The Place to Bel"	WC of Caldwell (Liberty)
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	Brianne Rivers	"A Pot of Gold"	WC of Belleville (Liberty)
<u>Category 3 (6, 7 &amp; 8)</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Sydney Scott	"A Raindrop"	WC of Wenonah (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Sabrina Sheridan	"Dreams Are Endless, Time is Limited"	Paskack JWC (Palisades)
<b>Third Place</b>	Hannah Jimenez	"A Pot of Gold"	WC of Belleville (Liberty)
<u>Category 4 (9,10,11,12)</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Sydeney De Lorenzo	"100 Years"	WC of Caldwell (Liberty)
<b>Second Place</b>	Ruth Schechtmasn	"End of All Wars"	Paskack JWC (Palisades)

**SHORT STORY**

<u>Category 1 (K, 1 &amp; 2)</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Jillian Doheny	"The Monarch in Mothville"	WC of Wenonah (Garden)
<u>Category 2 (3, 4 &amp; 5)</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Kiera Stokes	"Call of the Cliffside"	WC of Wenonah (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Gianelle R. Fregans	"Lizzy's Gone!"	Woman's League of Mount Holly (Garden)
<u>Category 3 (6, 7 &amp; 8)</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Club/District</b>
<b>First Place</b>	Sabrina Radix	"Enchantria, Where the Secret Lies"	Woman's League of Mount Holly (Garden)
<b>Second Place</b>	Isabelle Newkirk	"Rita Lives"	WC of Wenonah (Garden)

**1894 SOCIETY**

Each of the following clubs and individuals is a supporting member in the NJSFWC 1894 Society for April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018. Their contribution enables the Headquarters Foundation Fund to achieve its objective of financial stability. Thank you all for your generosity. The color after a name indicates the level of membership: Red = \$18.94 - \$189.39 White = \$189.40 - \$1,893.39 Blue = \$1,894.00 and above

**BLUE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**

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**WHITE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**

Joyce A. Andaloro  
Phyllis Chanda  
Mary Pat Marcello  
Jean Revis  
Allaire Woman's Club  
EMD of The Haddon Fortnightly  
Past Presidents – Eighth District  
Thursday Morning Club (Madison)  
Woman's Club of Franklin Lakes  
Woman's Club of Maplewood  
Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook

Linda Babeuf  
Lillian Corcoran  
Kathleen L. Mogensen  
Carole Spæechley  
Branchburg Woman's Club  
Jr. Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights  
Ridgefield Park EMD  
Woman's Club of Brielle  
Woman's Club of Hillsborough  
Woman's Club of Merchantville

Laura Badger  
Dianne Maki-Sethi  
Jill Passaretti  
Lynn Webb  
Bridgewater Woman's Club  
Montville Township Woman's Club  
The Haddon Fortnightly  
Woman's Club of Englewood  
Woman's Club of Lacey  
Woman's Club of Spring Lake

**RED MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**

Jean Battaglia  
Nancy Bird  
Annette Bortone  
Ann Ribinsky Brown  
Doreen Carnvale  
Susan Chambers  
Maryanne Ciresi  
Barbara Cook  
Mary Ellen Cropper  
Bruna Dietz  
Helene Dolese  
Jennifer Dowd  
Dolores Farrelly  
Sandra Fornino  
Carol A. Frisby  
Darlene R. Grady  
Caral J. Harrison  
Adelaide Hetrick  
Rosemarie House  
Maribeth Hugelmeyer  
Christine Jablonski  
Patricia Johnson  
Ann Kessler  
Gail Kovacs-Felici  
Nancy Levy  
Barbara Lombardi  
Joan Shible Lynch  
Joanne Mangels  
Cyndi Marinese  
Jill McDonald  
Nancy Miceli

Waltraut Becker  
Barbara Blazo  
Elinor Brasher  
Patricia Buono  
Irene Cash  
Constance Ciesla  
Carol Coad  
Maureen Costello  
Patricia Dahl  
Marie DiMatties  
Maria Dorsey  
Joyce Dreger  
Vivien Finn  
Adrienne R. Fowler  
Janice B. Gardner  
Carol Hancock-Carlew  
Marge Heeren  
Claire Hill  
Eileen E. Hudson  
Kathy Hunterton  
Joan Jenkoski  
Shirley Keefe  
Bette Kirby  
Donna Laterza  
Gwendolyn Lewis  
Dorothy Lowe Greene  
Jane Mackesy  
Karen Manneback  
Marilyn Marion  
Terry McElroy  
Patricia Mignella

Barbara Berger  
Cindy Blumenkrantz  
Mary Ellen Brock  
Christina Burlew  
Theresa Cavanaugh  
Mary Cioffi  
Patricia Colagiuri  
Diana Cotone  
Bonnie Dann  
Joy Dixon  
Roxanne Douglas  
Christopher Dunyak  
Nancy Fortin  
Joyce Fredericks  
Patricia Gordon  
Catherine M. Haney  
Barbara Heim  
Shirley Holly  
Lucy Hudson  
Virginia Huresky  
Joan W. Jephson  
Lynn Keim  
Ora Kckol  
Anna Lawton  
Pat Link  
Carol Lundquist  
Barbara MacLean  
Geraldyn Marchini  
Barbara McCloskey  
Pamela McNamee  
Sarah J. Miller

**RED MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**

(continued)

Barbara Miller  
 Janice Moran  
 Mary D. Myers  
 Bernadette Nolan  
 Elaine O'Brien  
 Alva Pampaloni  
 Ilse Pease  
 Jane Pullaro  
 Maryjane Reilly  
 Marie Ricci  
 Janet Roome  
 Myra Rupp  
 Doris Sabin  
 Arlene Schor  
 Joan Smolen  
 Claire A. Stang  
 Carol Swinburne  
 Diana Weidner  
 Patricia S. Whitehouse  
 Carol Winkler  
 Elaine Wornowicz  
 Cedar Wood Woman's Club  
 Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights  
 East Brunswick Woman's Club  
 Friday Club - Hightstown  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede  
 Holland Township Woman's Club  
 Junior Ex Club  
 Long Valley Woman's Club  
 Merchantville EMD  
 North Brunswick Woman's Club  
 Past President's Club of Palisades District  
 Rahway Woman's Club  
 Suburban WC of Pompton Plains  
 Vernon Township Woman's Club  
 Woman's Club of Allwood  
 Woman's Club of Belleville  
 Woman's Club of Brick Township  
 Woman's Club of Chatham  
 Woman's Club of Cranbury  
 Woman's Club of Haworth  
 Woman's Club of Matawan  
 Woman's Club of Old Tappan  
 WC of Penns Grove-Carneys Point  
 Woman's Club of Ramsey  
 Woman's Club of Rutherford  
 Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River  
 Woman's Club of Westfield

Elaine Mooney  
 Jennifer Moran  
 Barbara Nemeth  
 Mercedes Norwood  
 Anne O'Loughlin  
 Carol Parks  
 Mary Lou Phifer  
 Ann Quinn  
 Shirley Reinhardt  
 Noreen Ritter  
 Barbara Rose  
 Marge Russo  
 Rachel Salandra  
 Jeanne Scott  
 Catherine T. Spalding  
 Sue Stenson  
 Carole Thompson  
 Cathy Wells  
 Barbara Wilke  
 Mary Wolfe  
 Belmar Woman's Club  
 Clio Club of Roselle  
 Contemporary Club of Washington Township  
 EX Club of NJSFWC  
 GFWC Peninsula Woman's Club  
 Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club  
 Hopatcong Woman's Club  
 Junior Woman's Club of River Edge  
 Maplewood EMD  
 Metuchen-Edison Woman's Club  
 Past Presidents' Club Tenth District  
 Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club  
 Roxbury Woman's Club  
 Suburban WC of South Plainfield  
 West Essex Woman's Club  
 Woman's Club of Arlington  
 Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights  
 Woman's Club of Brick Township EMD  
 Woman's Club of Clinton  
 Woman's Club of Dumont  
 Woman's Club of Leonia  
 Woman's Club of Moorestown  
 Woman's Club of Paramus  
 Woman's Club of Pennsville  
 Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park  
 Woman's Club of Union  
 Woman's Club of Wenonah  
 Woman's Club of Westwood

Patricia Moore  
 Lorraine Mulhall  
 Carol Niemiec  
 Judy Nucci  
 Janet Oscar  
 Kathy Pavalkis  
 Patricia Piermatti  
 Jacquelyn Reformato  
 Taimi Reip  
 Vivian Rogers  
 Mary Rottino  
 Betty S. Rust  
 Rosemarie Saviello  
 Frances Semeraro  
 Barbara Spillane  
 Peggy Sutton  
 Carol Ward  
 Barbara Westog  
 Bobbi Wilkins  
 Rose Marie Woodruff-Lyndhurst  
 Blair Woman's Club  
 Colony Club of Ocean City  
 Cresskill Woman's Club  
 Freehold Township Woman's Club  
 GFWC WC of the Denville-Rockaway Area  
 Hightstown Woman's Club  
 Jersey Shore Woman's Club  
 Liberty District Past President's Club  
 Marlton Woman's Club  
 New Milford Woman's Club  
 Past Presidents' Club 11<sup>th</sup> District  
 Pompton Lakes Women's Club  
 Sparta Woman's Club  
 Sussex Woman's Club  
 Woman's Club of Absecon  
 Woman's Club of Asbury Park  
 Woman's Club of Bloomfield  
 Woman's Club of Carlstadt  
 Woman's Club of Colts Neck  
 Woman's Club of Emerson  
 Woman's Club of Lyndhurst  
 Woman's Club of Norwood-Northvale  
 Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
 Woman's Club of Pitman  
 Woman's Club of River Edge  
 Woman's Club of Upper Montclair  
 Woman's Club of West Milford  
 Woman's Club of Woodstown

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR NOMINEES**

The following club projects have been nominated by NJSFWC State Chairmen as a GFWC Club Creativity Award Entry and, if chosen, the club will receive a \$50 award. Winners will be announced at the GFWC Annual Convention, June 23-26, in Saint Louis, Missouri.

<b>Club:</b>	<b>Project:</b>	<b>GFWC Report Area:</b>
Woman's Club of Bloomfield	Pajama Party	Advocates for Children
Woman's Club of Point Pleasant	Capes for Children	Arts
Franklin Woman's Club	Website Update	Communications
Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township	Native Pollinator Garden	Conservation
Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains	Human Trafficking Social Media Campaign	Domestic Violence
The Haddon Fortnightly EMD	We CAN Help	Education
Woman's, Junior & Juniette Clubs of Verona	Luminary Project	Fundraising
Porch Club of Riverton	Paint the Porch Pink	Home Life
GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly	Life Straws	International Outreach
GFWC WC of Denville-Rockaway Area	Networking	Leadership
Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook	Resolution Proposal	Legislation/Resolutions
GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede	Best Hand Membership Drive	Membership
Woman's Club of Woodstown	To My Favorite Lifesaver	Public Issues
Woman's Club of Brielle	50 Points of Service	Women's History

**Has your Club visited Headquarters?**



If your answer is NO, then plan a visit to NJSFWC Headquarters.

Did you know your club can host a club meeting once a year at your Federation home.

Contact Carol J. Sas, Executive Director, for more information.  
732-249-5474

**HOPE YOU AND YOUR FEDERATION SISTERS**



**ENJOYED THE 2018 CONVENTION!**



# New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

## 2017-2018 HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

### COLLEGE DISTRICT

Linda Mish	Branchburg WC
Patti Notarianni	Cedar Wood WC
Susan Adiletta	WC of Cranbury
Pat Demers	WC of Cranbury
Marie Donzella	East Brunswick WC
Anna Rella	East Brunswick WC
Verna Stothoff	Flemington WC
Susan Dubin	Metuchen-Edison WC
Diana Cotone	Suburban WC of South Plainfield
Jane Rundella	Suburban WC of South Plainfield
Carol Ann Hontz	WC of Tewksbury Township
Dawn Pogosaew	WC of Tewksbury Township

### EM DISTRICT

Nancy Banker	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD
Mary Holben	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD
Carol McConville	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD
Peggy Sutton	WC of Merchantville EMD
Phyllis Scalera	WC of Maplewood EMD

### GARDEN DISTRICT

Eileen Burrows	Marlton WC
Mary Ann Crilley	Marlton WC
Amy Glass	Marlton WC
Sandy Meltz	Marlton WC
Louise Avery	WC of West Deptford
Jean Jack	WC of Woodstown
Sally McKeever	WC of Woodstown

### HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Linda Brooks	WC of Morristown
Florence Colarusso	WC of Morristown
Mary Ann Motiuk	WC of Morristown
Gen Troyan	WC of Morristown
Joan Garbarino	WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills
Cathy Haney	WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills
Shirley Reinhardt	Roxbury WC
Kathy Napp	Sussex WC
Betty Rust	Sussex WC
Claire Burling	Thursday Morning Club
Carol Hartel	Thursday Morning Club
Michal Holzman	Thursday Morning Club

### LIBERTY DISTRICT

Holly Hilton Capobianco	JWC of Arlington
Brandi-Leigh Miller	JWC of Arlington
Sandy Baker	WC of Belleville
Marta Kuebler	WC of Belleville
Jennifer Nutting	WC of Belleville
Linda Roberts	WC of Belleville

Robin Hofgesang  
Cathy Jensen  
Florence Magtar

WC of Little Falls  
WC of Little Falls  
WC of Maplewood

**PALISADES DISTRICT**

Sally Moore Ng  
Grace Murray  
Rose Marie Woodruff  
Anita DiLiberto  
Virginia Woodworth  
Ann Marie McCarthy  
Carol-Lee Smith  
Kathleen Stopher

Book and Needle Club - Oradell  
WC of Carlstadt  
WC of Lyndhurst  
WC of Old Tappan  
WC of Old Tappan  
WC of Rutherford  
WC of Rutherford  
WC of Rutherford

**RAMAPO DISTRICT**

Barbara Doka  
Barbara Padula  
Patty Buono  
Fran Semeraro  
Anne O'Loughlin  
Jennifer Moran

Pompton Lakes WC  
Pompton Lakes WC  
Suburban WC of Pompton Plains  
Suburban WC of Pompton Plains  
WC of Ramsey  
Riverdale WC

**SHORE DISTRICT**

Iris Kwitchoff  
Gwendolyn Lewis  
Catherine Manzo  
Constance Russell  
Monika Sisbarro  
Carolyn Gentry  
Pearl Connolly  
Rose Marie DiGiovanni  
Carol Goch  
Jo-Ann Fitzpatrick  
Lucille Caserio  
Kathleen Dittman  
Helen Giannini

WC of Brick Township  
WC of Brick Township  
WC of Brick Township  
WC of Brielle  
WC of Lacey  
WC of Middletown  
WC of Point Pleasant  
WC of Point Pleasant  
WC of Point Pleasant  
Rumson WC  
WC of Spring Lake  
WC of Spring Lake  
WC of Spring Lake

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Lorraine Nepper  
Jane Snyder  
Carol Calareso  
Diann Ewan  
Judy Monahan  
Patricia Moore

Women's Community Club of Cape May  
Colony Club of Ocean City  
Millville WC  
Millville WC  
Millville WC  
Millville WC

## 2017-2018 ORDER OF THE LILY

### COLLEGE DISTRICT

Carol Sas  
Maureen Piasecki  
Carole Nelson  
Maribeth Hugelmeyer  
Eleanor Holz  
Deidre Quinn  
Joan Umholtz

Cedar Wood Woman's Club  
East Brunswick Woman's Club  
Hightstown Woman's Club  
Metuchen-Edison Woman's Club  
North Brunswick Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township  
Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township

### GARDEN DISTRICT

June Adair  
Sandy Ellis  
Arline Dederick  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Joelle Wentz  
Carol Frisby  
Bonnie Dann

Marlton Woman's Club  
Marlton Woman's Club  
Woman's League of Mount Holly  
Woman's League of Mount Holly  
Woman's League of Mount Holly  
Woman's Club of West Deptford  
Woman's Club of Woodbury

### HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Mary Ann Coyne  
Lois Preis While  
Lora Rios-McBride  
Olga Soriano

Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Thursday Morning Club

### LIBERTY DISTRICT

Doris Monteith  
Patricia Sherwen  
Judith Knight  
Judy Nucci  
Erika Grothues  
Ann Stevens

Woman's Club of Allwood  
Woman's Club of Arlington  
Woman's Club of Belleville  
Woman's Club of Belleville  
Junior Woman's Club of Verona  
West Essex Woman's Club

### PALISADES DISTRICT

Joyce Siri  
Marilyn Santangelo  
Carolina VanIngen  
Patricia Royall  
Ida Borroto  
Theresa Gilburn  
Janice Glock

Woman's Club of Carlstadt  
New Milford Woman's Club  
New Milford Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Old Tappan  
Woman's Club of Rutherford  
Woman's Club of Rutherford  
Woman's Club of Rutherford

### RAMAPO DISTRICT

Vivian Grant

Woman's Club of West Milford Township

### SHORE DISTRICT

Elizabeth Murrison  
Irene Slamka  
Lina Kazala  
Marie Agliozzo

Woman's Club of Brick Township  
Woman's Club of Brick Township  
Woman's Club of Lacey  
Woman's Club of Spring Lake

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Judy Crowe  
Irene Decker  
Pamela McNamee

Millville Woman's Club  
Millville Woman's Club  
Millville Woman's Club

## New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

Mary E. Wolfe, President  
A Proud Legacy ~ A Shining Future

### 2018 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS - It's your club's opportunity now!

**FROM: Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions Chairman**

Delegates to the 2018 Annual Convention adopted 12 Resolutions, covering a wide range of issues, which now are added to the public policy platform of the NJSFWC:

- ELDER ABUSE COVERED UNDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (NJ)
- ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON DRUNK AND IMPAIRED DRIVING (NJ)
- NO WORK, NO PAY (USA)
- NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (NJ)
- PROHIBIT HOLDING DUAL OFFICES (NJ)
- ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS (USA)
- STOP ENABLING SEX TRAFFICKERS (USA)
- STRONG FAMILIES ACT OF 2017 (USA)
- OPERATING DRONE EQUIPPED WITH A WEAPON (NJ)
- DISCRIMINATION LAW AMENDMENT (NJ)
- ESTABLISH SAFE SANITARY SUBSIDIZED RENTAL HOUSING BILL OF RIGHTS (NJ)
- STOP TELEMARKETING DECEPTIVE PRACTICES (NJ)

Surely these resolutions will appeal to one or several of your members. As members of the NJSFWC, they can contact their representatives and express their views and add that THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE NJSFWC of GFWC. **Please make this information available to your members – they can get this bulletin, along with details about these resolutions under Legislation/Resolutions in the Materials section of the [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) website.**

As is the tradition of the NJSFWC, the final "Resolved" lists those public officials who have an interest in the topic adopted. It is the responsibility of the NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman to forward copies of each Resolution, along with a cover letter, to each named individual. In this way, those individuals are informed of our adopted stand on the topic. Each Resolution states that 7000 concerned women have agreed with the position of the Resolution. One letter announcing the adopted position from the State Chairman on behalf of the NJSFWC carries weight. Imagine the impact that one letter from each of the 7000 concerned women would have! If that stretches your imagination, imagine what even just one letter from each of the 200+ NJSFWC clubs.

#### **Here's how your club and members can participate:**

- Each member can access the newly adopted Resolutions, as well as all Active Resolutions, on the NJSFWC website ([www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org)). Simply logon with your unique user name and password, click the Materials tab and on the left, scroll down to the Legislation/Resolutions to view the newly adopted Resolutions.
- Review the Letter Writing Kit to assist members in formulating an impactful letter in support of Resolutions and other issues. This is available on the NJSFWC website, in the Legislation/Resolutions section under the Materials tab. It is also available for purchase from Headquarters for \$3.
- Addresses of elected officials listed in NJSFWC Resolutions can be located online at [www.Congress.gov](http://www.Congress.gov) for the US congressional delegation and at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us) for the New Jersey Legislature.
- Also on the [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) website in the Legislation/Resolutions section under materials is a link to the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**. With just a few clicks of the computer mouse members can contact their legislators, the Vice President and even the President! They can also research current legislation and read about GFWC's stance on national issues.

Choose all or just one of the newly adopted Resolutions to voice your support. You'll be surprised how simple this project can be, and how effectively your voice will be heard - **What We Do really does Matter.**