

# Tidbits

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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Apr. 9, 6:45 pm  
West Deptford Pub. Library

## Refreshments

Beverage: April (Iced Tea/Lemonade)  
Dorothy A. (Soda); Ice in zip loc bag:  
Nancy M.; Snacks/Desserts: Lisa K.,  
Nancy B., Cynthia

## April Birthdays

10—April            21—Peg S.  
14—Ellie            24—Dorothy  
20—Linda J.        27—Linda M.

## COLLECTIONS

- ♥ Peggy: Plastic bottle caps and shoes for Veterans' program
- ♥ Clara: Old cell phones, wallets, tools, keys, credit cards/used gift cards, bags & suitcases for K-9 training
- ♥ Linda M/Janice: NEW twin bed & crib sheets for SERV
- ♥ Carla: Bxotops for Education
- ♥ Joan or Dorothy: Feminine hygiene products & coupons for feminine products for Greater Woodbury Area Cooperative Ministries
- ♥ Nancy B: Unexpired canned goods for Colonial Manor Food Pantry & clean sheets, towels & bedding for Gloucester County Animal Shelter
- ♥ Debbie H: Household items for South Jersey Dream Center

### Woman's Club of West Deptford

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Frisby & April Maska

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! All the seasons are amazing and each one brings its own special gifts to each of us. Spring brings rebirth, joy, warmth and lots of flowers! It seems that our fabulous club is described in just that way. Each new member brings a rebirth of our mission, every member brings joy and warmth to each of us, no matter what our mood is. Friendships are forged, rekindled, and a willingness to do so much for our community just vibrates with each meeting. So welcome Spring, and let's get busy doing what we do best. Bring the best out of each member and do the best we can for our community.

Congratulations to our Order of the Lily recipient Jeannette Wood and our Honor Roll recipient Linda Jones. How fortunate we are to have such energetic and enthusiastic members who do so much for the club. Both of you totally deserve this prestigious honor.

The Spring Conference and Achievement Day will soon be upon us. Thank you to Linda Jones for organizing all of the creative entries from our talented ladies. Good luck to all of you entering, and to the members attending, have a wonderful time.

The 125th Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) is coming from May 6 – 8, 2019. We have several members attending at least one of the days. We look forward to hearing all the great things happening within our organization.

The Bingo Committee has continued to keep busy purchasing the coveted designer bags and tie breakers needed for

our Designer Bag Bingo night. The next committee meeting will be on April 24, where everyone will be updated on our progress and share the date of this anticipated event.



Congratulations to Linda Marple, Linda Jones, Chris Taylor, Joanne Keegan, Cynthia Holmes-Butler, Carol M., Denise Pitchford, Isabelle Cooper and Peg Shirey for their successful participation at Oakview Elementary School's Literacy Night celebrating "NEA Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss. Your presentations were very well received and the feedback is glowing!

Another absolutely amazing night at Board and Brush was organized by our Social Co-Chairperson Peg Shirey. Those who attended had a fantastic time and we all made one-of-a-kind, exquisite art pieces. Seeing some of our members use those hammers, drills, stencils and paints shows how talented and versatile our group of extraordinary ladies really are.

Thank you to all members who shared congratulations, confidence and encouragement as I moved into the position of Co-President with Carol. Louise left some big shoes to fill and I will make it my goal to continue to help our club move forward with new and innovative ideas, as well as upholding our strong history set in place by our incredible veteran members.

In Federation Friendship & Love,  
*April & Carol*

## SPECIAL CLUB PROJECT: FAMILY PROMISE

Jeannette Wood

**Thank you! Thank you! At our March meeting we collected \$62 for duffel bags. I purchased 4 duffel bags with this money and delivered them to the Day Center this month.**

When I delivered the duffel bags the director told me about the families. Two families graduated into their own homes and two more families were accepted into the program. The director also told me that the duffel bags are so appreciated. The bags are of good quality and very sturdy.

Our club is the only organization which provides duffel bags for these homeless families.

**NEW 21 inch or larger Duffel Bags are needed.** If you do not want to shop, bring your monetary donation to our meeting and I will do the shopping and delivery. There will be a cardboard house-shaped box at the meeting for your donations.

**Thank you so much for your continued support to help the homeless in our community!**



◆ Chris & Charlie T. celebrated their twin grandsons' first birthday. This is the first photo they've had with all four grandsons together. What a blessing!



## SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: CASA NJ

Jeannette Wood

CASA-NJ stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates and provides a voice for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts and in the community. We will learn more about this organization from our special guest speaker from CASA-NJ at our April meeting.



At our March meeting we collected \$30 which will be added to our club total donation given at the end of this Special State Project. If you would like to make a donation for this organization, at each monthly meeting there will be a collection box for our Special State Project.

If you would like a Special State Project Pin, pictured above right, the cost is \$5. It has a magnetic back. Please let me know.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## HOME LIFE

Debbie Hinkle



**GENEROSITY - January -** We welcome the Woman's Club of West Deptford to our family of partners! Thank you, Carol Frisby, President, for allowing us to share the mission of the Dream Center at your January meeting.

From the Dream Center's Winter Newsletter



**OUR NEW PARTNER: AMAZON - March -** Welcome West Deptford Amazon Fulfillment Center to our family of partners! We enjoyed the amazing tour of your over-the-top facility and our first pick up of donated items. Thank you Annie, Isaac and Taylor for your warm hospitality.

Please continue to think of SJ DREAM CENTER when doing your spring cleaning or if you see a great sale that you just can't pass up. You can drop off items yourself on Wednesdays between 11 and 2 at the Schultes Building across from Cicontes on Grove Rd. If you don't mind giving me a list of items and an approximate dollar value, I can include this information in my annual report for the state NJSPWC.

## ARTS CREATIVE

Linda Jones

### Spring Conference

On April 18 a group of our members will attend the Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day. This year we have twelve beautiful entries in the following categories:

- ◆ Holiday decorations
- ◆ Painting-oil & acrylic
- ◆ Knitting
- ◆ Crocheting
- ◆ Paper art
- ◆ Upcycle
- ◆ Photography

I am so happy to wish "good luck" to everyone who entered a project!

If you are not attending the conference, please drop off your items to Linda J by April 15. On the day of the conference Elaine, Chris, Joann K, Debbie, Linda J, Carol, Cynthia, and Denise H will carpool together from Linda's house in Rolling Brook Farms. We look forward to an enjoyable

day with our Garden District sisters to celebrate the many artistic talents and creativity.

### Library Book Festival



The 4th Annual West Deptford Township Book Festival will be held at the River-Winds Community Center on Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our club will provide a children's craft table of "kits" to make moveable animals.

One hundred kits will be prepared in advance of the festival. A sign up sheet was available at our March meeting. If anyone missed the meeting you can still sign up in April. On Tuesday, April 23, a group of us will trace patterns, cut and prepare the kits at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Linda J.

If you would like to join our table and help with the children's craft on the Book Festival

day, please let Linda J know when you will be available that Saturday. We will also have some teenage helpers from WD High School. Thank you for your interest in this club service project.

### Reminder

We have started to collect large and extra large baskets for our future Designer Bag Bingo. Thank you Sue N for your donation last month. Linda J will take them if you bring them to a club meeting.



Besides chairing Arts Creative, Linda is our 1st VP. She says, "I look forward to fulfilling all of my duties as First Vice President and working on as many projects as possible, especially to serve our WD community."

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Linda Marple, Janice Morrison

### Center for Family Services

Linda M. and Janice met with staff members from the Center for Family Services in March to learn more about how the organization supports families in Gloucester County. It was learned that Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV) is just one of the many programs supported by the Center. In fact, the Center offers over 80 programs helping those in need of medical insurance, heating assistance, counseling, credit management, education and more. They help children with trauma issues and displaced mothers and children. To get the full scope of services you can visit their website at [www.centerffs.org](http://www.centerffs.org).

Under the SERV program the Center helps people, mostly women, suffering from domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. In 2018 SERV provided accommodations in their 'safe houses' to over 50 women and nearly 80 children. Women and families stay in the safe home for about 30-45 days while the Center pro-

vides them with safety plans and various counseling services such as employment workshops, education plans, healthy relationship counseling, etc. Through several local apartment complex connections and federal housing services, SERV helps to transition families to low rent situations for up to two years, while continuing to support them with various services and advocates to keep them moving toward the ultimate goal of becoming self-supporting.

The Center is always in need of volunteers to help take calls at their hotline center. The SERV hotline center fields between 200 and 400 calls monthly. Volunteers are needed to be on call for Gloucester County hospitals and police stations when individuals affected by violence come in. These volunteers would act as a liaison to the Center by offering comfort during a difficult time. Center staff members would take over once connected. The on-call volunteers require training and the Center

offers it free. The next training program will be held in July, for 2 nights per week for the entire month.

The organization is in great need of goods such as crib sheets, twin bed sheets, twin comforters, towels and washcloths. The committee for Domestic Violence and Prevention will be asking members to kindly donate various items throughout the year. For the month of April we are asking members to donate NEW twin bed and crib sheets. If you have a donation, contact Janice Morrison or Linda Marple or bring them to the April monthly meeting.



## EDUCATION

Linda Marple

### Oakview School Literacy Night

On March 28 nine members of WCWD arrived to help at Oakview School's Second Annual Literacy Night. They read the story, *Harry the Dirty Dog* and then helped first grade students and some siblings to assemble Harry the Dog bookmarks. The activity was repeated four times.

The sessions were only 15 minutes so it was quite a rush to get everything done in the time frame, but what fun was had by all! Luckily, parents, a teacher, and student helpers assisted in assembling the project.

Thanks to Linda J. for designing the bookmark. The kids loved their bookmarks! All the women from the club were very excited by the project and the reaction of the participants and their parents. They have stated they want to participate again next year... brave souls!

Thank you Linda J., Isabella C., Carol M., Denise P., Chris T., Joanne K. Peg S., Cynthia H-B, and Linda M.



## FEDERATION NEWS

Joan Baur

### Recognize the Red

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) have a long history of supporting legislative action to improve the lives of club members and others throughout our state and country.

The "RECOGNIZE THE RED" is a campaign to establish the GFWC brand with the United States and state legislative bodies. The two bills chosen for the campaign are Miranda's Law (H.R. 6518) and the 3D Printed Gun Safety

Act (H.R. 6649; S3304). The goal of Miranda's Law is to keep unsafe school bus drivers off the road. The 3D Printed Gun Safety Act would prohibit the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms.

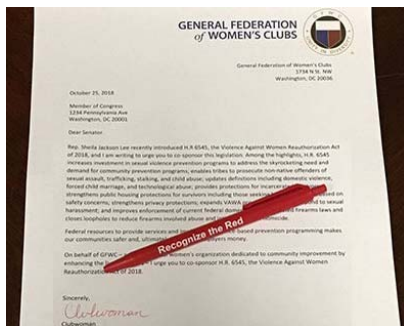
### How can you help?

For Miranda's Law you can contact your U.S. Representative to request the bill be voted out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Also state that you want it posted for a vote on the House floor. Sign your letter in **red** and

include GFWC with your signature. Contact your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator about the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act. Tell them you want the bills voted out of the Judiciary Committee and you want them posted for a vote on the floor of the House and Senate. Emails and letters should be signed in **red** and include GFWC (in **red**).

### Upcoming Events

- April 21-27 - GFWC Volunteers in Action Week
- April 24 - GFWC Day
- June 29-July 3 - GFWC Convention in Austin, TX
- August 8 - SSP (CASA-NJ) Fundraiser, Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant Beach



## WOMEN'S HISTORY

Joan Baur

### 125 Years Old!

NJSFWC was founded on November 16, 1894. The federation is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. One hundred-fifty clubwomen met at Union Hall in Orange, N.J. in 1894 to organize a state federation.

Margaret Tufts Yardley (WC of Orange) was elected the first President (1894-1896). In 1929 at the State Convention Mrs. Yardley's son donated \$5,000 and established the Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund.



Cecilia Gaines Holland (1896-1898) was the second NJSFWC President. Mrs. Holland's club was the Odd Volumes Club of Jersey City. When Mrs. Holland died she bequeathed \$1,000 to be invested by the Board of Directors. Income from the investment provides an annual award for a clubwoman doing outstanding civic work in New Jersey.



The 75th Cecilia Gaines Holland Award will be presented at the state convention in May.



RECOGNITION of our 25th Anniversary from the GFWC.

## MEETING PROTOCOL

### Bylaws

GFWC Parliamentarian Deen J. Meloro

This parliamentarian gets many questions from clubs about bylaws, which she loves to answer. One common misconception to clear up: Many clubs and states believe their bylaws have to be redone "to be acceptable to" or "match Federation's bylaws." In some cases, that may mean a State Federation, in others that may mean GFWC. Either way, that's not true.

A state's bylaws will probably say that the state is a member of GFWC; a club's bylaws will probably say the club is a member of the State Federation. That's the only connection to Federation, and it's not mandatory. What bylaws do have to follow is the pattern dictated by Robert's Rules of Order or whatever parliamentary authority is listed in the state or club bylaws. If your bylaws say that elections will be held in March, that is not the Federation's rule; that is a club rule. If your bylaws say that two members shall attend convention, whether state or GFWC, that is a club or state rule, not one dictated by Federation.

The resources offered to you because of your membership in your State Federation, as well as GFWC, are priceless. But there is only one "have to," and it isn't matching your bylaws to those of the Federation; you just need to pay your dues.

Bylaws should either be amended because they are not serving your club well or because they are in conflict with your parliamentary authority. Either way, this parliamentarian would be happy to answer your questions.

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Cynthia Holmes-Butler & Peg Shirey

### Mandir Temple

March was a really fun month socially in the club! First we visited the Mandir Temple in Robbinsville NJ. We started off with a guided tour. We were impressed by the architecture and beautiful design of this magnificent temple. We attended a religious service and learned much about the Hindu religion. Afterwards we had a delicious lunch at Mastoris.



### Board and Brush

Our artistic talents came out designing our own individual signs at Board and Brush. We chose the type sign we wanted to do beforehand. At the studio we hammered, stenciled, and selected paints and stains for our signs. This was such a fun evening! The whole process took 3 hours. We treated ourselves to wines and snacks, which we brought along. We hope to go back in the fall!



## DEAR SECRET PAL

Dear Secret Pal,

At the March meeting I received several WONDERFUL treats from you. First of all, the lovely Valentine's Day apron is just beautiful. Can't wait to wear it next February. And the Valentine's pretzels are yummy - I love the mixture of the salt and chocolate. I also received a very generous St Patty's Day gift bag containing a Lenox Irish Blessing Heart Box, an Irish Blessing ornament/wall hanging and an adorable shamrock (just found out that I am 27% Irish and Scottish). Thank you so much for spoiling me. —Love, Debbie

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for the amazing smelling candle and beautiful scarf. The candle really makes the house smell like Spring! And the scarf is a great addition to my warm weather wardrobe. I can't wait to wear it! —Fondly, April



Thanks a Bunch!

Dearest Secret Pal

First, let me thank you for my February birthday gift. I totally missed the deadline!! I was able to treat my guys to a dinner that I didn't have to cook or clean up after!!! A perfect gift!!! And now I get to thank you for the cutest wooden lep-rechaun and pot of gold!! I love them!!

You're a fabulous SP!!!! —Joanne 🍷

Dear Secret Pal,

Thank you so much for the jewelry holder and the bottle of wine. I appreciate them so much! Thanks so much for thinking of me! —Love, Robin E.

Dear Secret Pal,

I love the lotion and body wash. The green theme was cute. Thank you for thinking of me and making me smile.

Happy Easter! —Sherry W.

## THANK YOU NOTES

### Thank You All

Dear Fellow Club Members,  
Thank you for presenting me with the GFWC Honor of the Lily Award. It was a fabulous surprise. This award is a tremendous honor which I will cherish forever.

My 25 years in the WCWD has been rewarding and I am blessed to have made many friends.

Thank you again for the beautiful Order of the Lily pin, flowers, plaque, and most of all the Order of the Lily Award.

In Federation Love,  
Jeannette

### Special Thank You

Thank you for your tribute and award of being placed on the NJSFWC "HONOR ROLL." Denise P. wrote and read a beautiful statement which touched my heart.

The years of service, leadership, friendship, and creative spirit have been a pleasure for me to work on over the

decades in our club. I will enjoy this proud moment and presentation at convention this May.

Thanks also to the entire committee of Denise P, Denise H, and Ellen S for your time in preparing and presenting your awards this year.

Fondly,  
Linda Jones

### Thank You, Friends

Dear Friends,  
I would like to thank the club for the beautiful Get Well card. Also cards from several members, a beautiful dish garden and offers for meals or rides to PT. Ken is doing a fabulous job—I sure lucked out!

In Federation Friendship,  
Debbie H.



**GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WEST DEPTFORD**  
**MINUTES: Tuesday, March 12, 2019**  
**West Deptford Public Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Co-President Carol. Cynthia led the Collect for Club Women and Lisa led the Pledge of Allegiance. Peggy and Cheryl's March birthdays were recognized.

Carol informed members that Linda J. was appointed as First VP. Kim and April installed Lisa, Sue, and Cheryl who were welcomed to the club.

Denise P. presented the Awards Committee results. The Honor Roll recipient is Linda J. and the order of the Lily is awarded to Jeannette. Tributes will be given at the Convention in May and will be in the Yearbook ad.

Roll Call: Carol, April, Dorothy, Nancy B., Carla, Vicky, Anne, Doris, Cheryl, Debbie, Cynthia, Linda J., Agnes, Joann K., Joanne K., Lisa, Linda M., Sandy, Nancy M., Janice, Sue, Denise P., Elaine, Ellie, Ellen, Peg, Tannis, Kimberly, Sherry, Jeanette and Patty.

April noted that members should turn in work hours. Kimberley passed out labels with new member information.

The list of donations was presented. Linda M. moved that the list be approved as presented. (Nancy B. seconded). The motion was adopted.

A motion was made to change the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30 to align with the GFWC calendar. The motion passed. Seven bylaws changes were adopted as presented in Tidbits.

Sandy read thank you notes from the animal shelter and from Dorothy and Ellie.

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted as written in Tidbits.

Patty gave reports on the Operating account and the Games of Chance. They will be filed for audit.

Carol thanked Denise H. for the updated website which is NJSFWC.org.

Books are being collected for Oakview and Red Bank schools.

Linda J. noted 4 members have signed up for Arts Creative and projects can still be entered for the April 18 district meeting. Supplies are being collected for the Book Fest bookmarks in May.

Jeannette gave an update for CASA and Family Promise and thanked members for donations. A speaker for CASA will be at the April meeting. Michelle will be presented with blankets that were made recently.

Elaine gave information on the next Bingo meeting on March 27. Eight bags and double and triple tie-breakers have been purchased. Joanne noted theme baskets will be done again this year.

Nancy M. reported the Education Committee met with the girls for GCI on Feb. 14. Donna may join Clara as a housemother this year.

Linda M. thanked those who will help at Literacy night at Oakview on March 28. Donations of supplies were discussed. Debbie noted a fundraiser at the Piston Diner and some members will meet there before Literacy night.

Peg spoke about the Board and Brush event on March 29. Registration is online. Seven members will attend the Hindu Temple event on March 22 and meet at Mastoris for lunch.

Other upcoming events were listed on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM and Secret Pal gifts were distributed. Cynthia won the drawing.

Submitted by Doris

**Our 2018-19 Bingo Sponsors**

- ◆ Main Street Hair Salon
- ◆ Grasso Girls Farm Market
- ◆ Goodeal Transmission
- ◆ Mount Royal Inn
- ◆ Riverwinds Restaurant
- ◆ Hoffman & DiMuzio Law Office
- ◆ Campbell Comfort Systems
- ◆ The Taylors
- ◆ Ace Ford
- ◆ Country House Restaurant



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Three new members were installed in March. Shown, from left: Co-President Carol F., new members Lisa K., Cheryl F., Sue N., 2nd VP/Membership Chair Kim VZC., and Co-President April M.