

# Tidbits

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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 6:45 pm  
West Deptford Pub. Library

## Refreshments

Ellen S., Nancy B., Peg S.  
Beverage: Janice M., Robin E.  
Ice, ziploc bag from freezer: Elaine R.

## May Birthdays

6—Doris	15—Carol M.
9—Patti P.	16—Jeannette
11—Vicki	24—Denise H

## COLLECTIONS

- ♥ Peggy: 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 towels, washcloths, dishcloths, towels 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

Member of General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC), New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs (NJSFWC), Garden District of NJSFWC.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Frisby & April Maska

Hello, ladies,

Spring has sprung! We are inspired this time of year for spring cleaning, planting of spring flowers, and just maybe relaxing while watching the spring birds appear.

Our club has sprung into action. Eight members attended the annual Garden District Spring Arts Conference. We had new member and first time attendee Joann Keefe take first place (Gold Ribbon) with her beautiful acrylic painting and her crocheted carriage blanket. Both entries will be entered at the Convention in Atlantic City. Thank you to the numerous club members who entered their creative items too. All are beautiful.

The West Deptford Book Festival held at Riverwinds was a big success. Thank you Linda Jones for organizing our craft table. The guests really enjoyed making the crafts and also taking them home to work on with their grandchildren. Our volunteers had fun too as they relieved the authors for their break and had a chance to chat with them. There were a nice variety of books and unique authors.

BIG thank you to our Bingo Committee for your energy, leadership, and your commitment to our largest fundraiser as you organize another successful Bingo.

Thank you, members, for continuing to collect. We have the most generous and thoughtful members anywhere. You collect for our club, organizations, and our community. Small or large, it all adds up. The most valuable gift of all is your gift of time!

Our membership is at an all-time high with 46 members! That is awesome.

Thank you to the members who continue to spread the word about our club to a neighbor, former co-worker, or even someone you struck up a conversation with on a cruise ship! Our website is an effective recruiting tool as well. There is always room for one more. For the size of our town, looks like we still have work to do, so keep on recruiting!!!



However, we would like to emphasize that if you are a new member, we encourage you to attend our new member orientation. This will give you the scope of our club and Federation. For more information on when and where to attend a new member orientation, please contact our Membership Chair, Kim Czoch.

Our club does a lot of work. We are many moving parts and we sometimes need to stop and have fun. Thank you, Social Entertainment Committee for continuing to keep us connected on a social level. It's nice to be able to connect with members that you might not be able to do during our regular monthly meetings.

Jeanette Wood will be receiving the Order of the Lily award and Linda Jones will be receiving the Honor Roll award at this year's NJSFWC Annual Convention in Atlantic City. How exciting and so deserving! Our club members who are attending Convention this year, have fun!

In Federation Friendship & Love,  
*Carol & April*

## SPECIAL CLUB PROJECT: FAMILY PROMISE

Jeannette Wood

Family Promise of Gloucester County continues to help homeless families get into their own homes.

**Thank you! Thank you! At our April meeting we collected \$16 for duffle bags. I will purchase more duffle bags with this money and delivered them to the Day Center this month.**

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

**NEW 21-inch or larger Duffle 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 house-shaped box at the meeting for your donations.

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



CONVENTION 2019. More pics next month!



- ◆ Corey Ratcliffe, grandson of Linda and Bill J., was honored at the WD Middle School in being chosen for "THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD." Each teacher picks just one student for the year to speak about concerning their outstanding character, effort, and dedication to school. So proud of you Corey!
- ◆ Freshman Varsity track star Jake Cobb has placed a new record at the WD High School when he beat the 2016 track record in the 5000 meter run by 27 seconds, running 16:32 over the school's 16:59. Jake is the grandson of Linda and Bill J. Congrats, Jake!!

◆ Donna & Steve B.'s grandson Seth Klein, who attends the Mount Olive schools, was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. They are so very proud of him.

◆ Club member Nancy B. welcomed a new miniature schnauzer puppy, Lucy, into her home. She joins Nancy's 10-year old mini-schnauzer, Tessa, and Rey cat. Lucy is surely keeping Tessa active.

◆ Ellie R. and her husband John celebrated their 70th anniversary on Sunday, April 28th. An intimate party at their home, with family and close friends featured a delicious catered luncheon. Congratulations to Ellie and John on your 70th Wedding Anniversary!

## SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: CASA NJ

Jeannette Wood

At our April meeting we welcomed our speaker, Michele Musick from CASA-NJ of Cumberland, Gloucester. & Salem Counties. We presented her with blankets, books, baby clothes and stuffed animals. See the photo below.

CASA-NJ stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate and provides a voice for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts and in the community.

Since last May we have donated to CASA-NJ the following:

**71 pairs of PJs, 8 Duffle Bags, 12- \$10 Gift Cards, 29 Sweatshirts, 8 Sweatpants, 20 Fleece Blankets, and 14 Children's Books.**

**Thank you! Thank you!**

At our March meeting we collected \$8 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, the cost is \$5. I will have the pins at our May meeting. The pin is magnetic and is pictured above.





## ARTS CREATIVE

Linda Jones

### Spring Conference

"Where Flowers Bloom, So Does Hope" was the theme this April of the Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day held at the Pennsauken Country Club. The day began with a ten a.m. morning session of club reports, keynote addresses, and presentations of club awards for their community service reports. Our club received GFWC CERTIFICATES for our nine original Charter Members congratulating us for 25 Years of Membership and Service in the GFWC.

A delicious luncheon was followed by the afternoon session with the presentation of Conservation and Arts Creative awards. Our club was represented by Carol F., Denise P., Robin, Debbie H. (Garden District Assistant), Joann K., Linda J., Cynthia, Denise H., and Chris.

Many club members entered artistic items for competition that day. We are delighted that Joann Keefe was a "gold" ribbon winner of the District Grand Award in two categories. Her acrylic painting as a beginner and her crocheted carriage blanket in the advanced category were both entered in the state competition at the NJSFWC Convention at Atlantic City. Congrats!



Our other club winners with a blue First Place Award ribbon are as follows:  
Donna: knitting.....sweater  
Linda J: holiday.....centerpiece  
Cynthia: painting.....acrylic picture  
Denise P: scrapbooking and handmade paper art.....adult coloring  
Chris: photography.....scenes



Congratulations to all of our winners in various artistic categories! We all enjoyed a great day with our Garden District sisters to celebrate the many artistic talents and creativity by fellow club members.



\*\*\*Some of our newer members have asked us to share our entries with the entire club at our May club meeting. Please bring your entries for a quick "show and tell" to have the women see various entries in various categories for next year. Thank you to all who participated and represented our club at the Spring Conference this year.

Many thanks also to Ellen, Sue, Dorothy, April, and Agnes for your donations of straws, plastic bags, glue, paper, and wiggle eyes for this activity. Our venture was just as popular as it was last year as we brought attention to our club in the West Deptford community and enjoyed the book fair too.

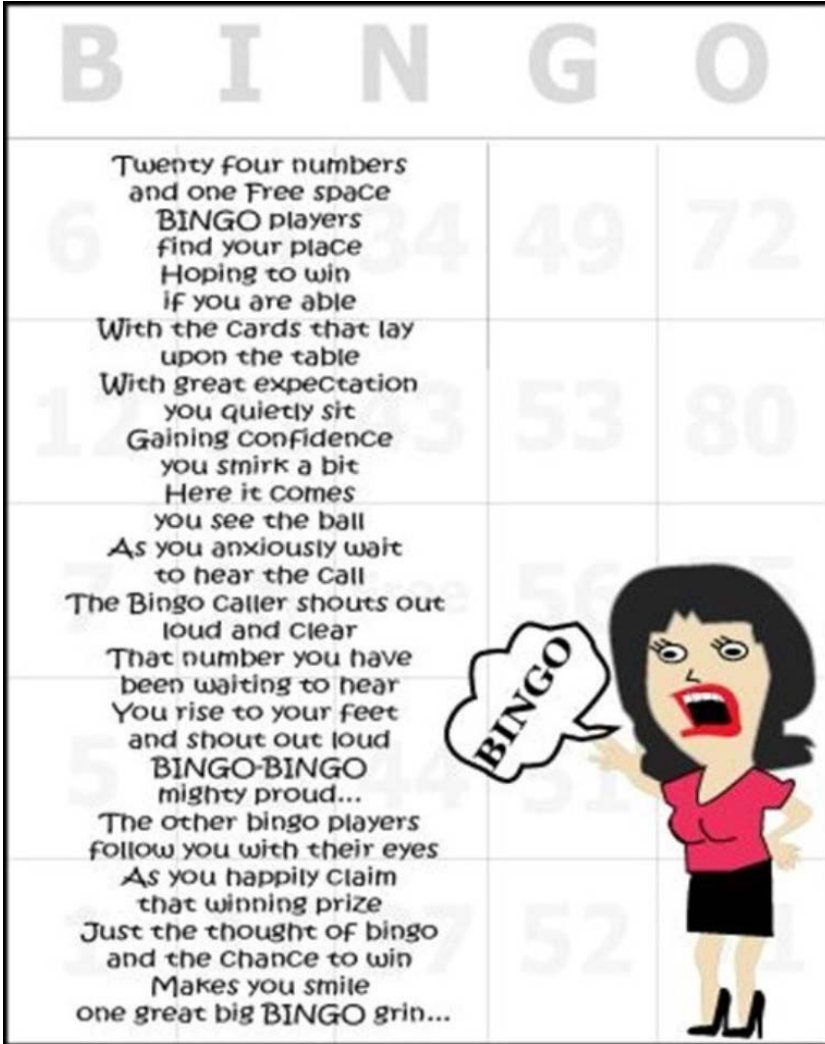
### Library Book Festival

Thank you, ladies of our WD Woman's Club for your interest and help in preparing one hundred movable animal "kits" for the children attending the WD LIBRARY BOOK FESTIVAL. Anne, Ellen, Tannis, Peg, Elaine, Dorothy, Doris, Carol M, and Linda J cut out various parts and pieces of frogs, snakes, and elephants that the children glued together and decorated at our Woman's Club children's table. Our members gave three hours each of their time and effort to help with this club service project.



# DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Donna Blocher, Elaine Rudolf, Carol M.



## Bingo Tickets

At our April bingo meeting, we discussed the distribution of tickets. Sue N. and Cynthia H-B. are co-chairs for ticket sales. As in the past, the plan is to give 6 tickets to each member. There is no obligation to sell any tickets. Since we have more members this year, and not everyone plans to sell the tickets given to them, we thought it might work better if you had the opportunity (in advance) to decline tickets or to get fewer tickets.

Please let Sue know if you prefer no tickets, 6 tickets, or, if less than 6, how many you would like. We will "assign" that amount to you and put them in an envelope for you once they are ready to be distributed (hopefully at the June meeting).

Thank you for your cooperation and help with this.

## REMINDER

We are collecting large and extra large empty baskets for our future Designer Bag Bingo. Thank you Debbie H. & Carol M. for your donations last month. Linda J. will take them if you bring them to a club meeting.

## 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

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Linda Marple, Janice Morrison

Are you passionate about helping people? Become a NJ certified Volunteer Domestic Violence Response Team member/confidential sexual violence advocate in Gloucester County. The Center For family Services (SERV) program needs dedicated and caring volunteers to respond to hospitals and police departments to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking in their time of need.

Volunteer Requirements: 18 years old or older; complete a 60-hour in-person/on-line training; commit to monthly on-call responsibility with access to a

vehicle (many calls may be at night); dedicate a year of service under the supervision of the volunteer Supervisor; attend a minimum of 6 volunteer meetings/trainings per year; provide support that is compassionate, empathetic, and victim-centered.

The next 60-hour training program will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings in July and August. There is also a 16-hour online component.

If you are interested in more detail, speak to Linda. She may also be taking the training.

## Monthly Donation

**This month the Gloucester County safe house is in need of NEW towels and washcloths as well as dish cloths and dish towels.**

For new members: please be aware that here are many different collections and no one is expected to give to all or even any. If you do choose to donate, remember to keep track of what you spend as the club reports on donations in our year-end report.



## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Cynthia Holmes-Butler & Peg Shirey

The Auburn Winery Bus Trip is this week- Thursday, May 9th! You can still join us and bring a significant other or friend!

We are driving now, since we didn't have enough members to afford the bus. We have nine people carpooling and one meeting us there. Carpools meet at the W.D. Library at 3:15 p.m.

We'll have a wine tasting first:

- ◆ \$6 at the bar to taste 8 wines
- ◆ \$15 if you sit at a table for the tasting

After the wine tasting they will have tables for us. We can sit outside viewing the vineyards if it's a nice day. Happy hour is 5-7PM. Wine is \$2.50- \$5. per

glass. Delicious pizza may be purchased \$11-\$14.

We should get back to the library around 7:30 p.m.



If you'd like to join us please let me know. It should be a lot of fun. I've been there and so have a few other club members. We all liked it! Rumor has it that Robin will lead us in a chorus of 99 bottles of wine on the wall!

## BYLAWS CHANGES

Denise Hosier

The following proposed changes to our bylaws will be voted on at our May meeting.

**RATIONALE:** To add a Parliamentarian position to assist our Board and club in proper parliamentary procedure and in interpreting our bylaws.

Proposed additions to the bylaws are printed in **purple bold**.

### Article VI - Executive Board

#### Section 1.

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers. **The Parliamentarian shall serve as a non-voting member on the Executive Board.**

### Article VII - Committees

(New section)

#### Section 3.

**The President may appoint a Parliamentarian to assist in rulings on points of order, answer parliamentary questions, and apply the bylaws. The Parliamentarian shall serve on the Bylaws Committee and as a non-voting member of the Executive Board.**

### Article X - Amendment to the Bylaws

#### Section 2.

A bylaws review committee shall be appointed in every even numbered year.

**The committee shall include the Parliamentarian.** Proposed revisions shall be approved by the Executive Board, then presented to the membership in writing at least 24 hours prior to the vote. They shall be voted upon at the next meeting.

## DEAR SECRET PAL

Dear Secret Pal,

You are too much!!! I can't wait to wear the adorable socks with peeps and bunnies on them. Also, the candy stash will be shared with the grands when they come over. However, the bath fizzers and the Lavender hand lotion are mine. Hope you have a very nice Easter.

—Love, Debbie

Dear Secret Pal,

I loved my Easter gifts. You must know how I can not resist a pretty scarf. The one you gave me is no exception—it is perfect for this time of year! Sadly, the snickers did not survive the ride home since they are one of my favorites! Lol!

—Happy Spring, Clara

To the best Secret Pal ever!!

Thank you for another wonderful SP gift. I got so many compliments on the EAST-ER Lantern!!!! And the Easter Bunny is adorable!! I love them!!!

—Joanne (Keegan) 🐰🐰

Dear Secret Pal,

Thank you so much for all of my gifts! You really surprised me with the plant and diffuser you left on my porch! You



**You're the Best!**

certainly know how to make a person feel special. You are the best, and so thoughtful!!!!

—Fondly, April

Dear Secret Pal,

Thank you so much for the book! I am starting to read it now. I heard a lot of good reviews. Thank you again!

—Sincerely, Robin E

Dear Secret Pal,

Thank you for the Easter present. The pillow was so cute. Hope you had a nice Easter. Happy Mother's Day.

—Sherry W.

## HOME LIFE

Debbie Hinkle

Just a reminder to our members to keep South Jersey Dream Center in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning. Also, if you are shopping and see a great deal on household articles, pick one up for SJDC.

## GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WEST DEPTFORD

MINUTES: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

West Deptford Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Co-President Carol. The speaker for the Special State Project was Michele Musick who spoke about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. Michele was given fleece blankets for CASA.

Carol H is moving to Florida and stopped in to say farewell. She will be missed. The regular meeting continued with the Collect for Club Women and Pledge of Allegiance. Six birthdays for the month were recognized.

Roll Call: Carol, April, Dorothy, Nancy B., Donna, Carla, Clara, Vicky, Anne, Karen, Doris, Robin, Cheryl, Debbie, Cynthia, Denise H., Linda, J., Joann K., Joanne K., Lisa, Linda M., Carol M., Mary, Nancy M., Janice, Sue, Peggy, Denise P., Elaine, Ellie, Ellen, Peg, Jo, Tannis, Kimberley, and Patty.

April noted that members should turn in work hours. April gave an update on the basket donation at a Beef and Beer event for a cancer patient. Denise P. and individual club members were thanked for the extra gift card donations for the family.

Kimberley passed out labels with new member information.

Nancy B. moved, seconded by Joanne K., to give \$500 for supplies to the GCI girls when attending GCI from June 3 to June 6. Clara thanked the club for its generosity and support for the mighty ducks.

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

Patty gave reports on the Operating account and Carol M. reported on the

Games of Chance. The reports will be filed for audit.

New and gently used books are still being collected for Oakview and Red Bank schools.

Linda J. noted the Spring Conference and Achievement Day is April 18. Nine members are attending. Bookmarks will be assembled on April 23 for the Book Fest on May 4. Volunteers are requested for the Book Fest and a sign-up sheet was circulated.

Linda will handle the spring flower sale. Forms will be available by email.

Peggy is collecting shoes all year.

Janice noted that towels and washcloths are being collected this month for SERV.

Debbie thanked members for 59 t-shirts for the Dogs project.

April noted that Literacy Night was a "big hit" and thanked those who volunteered. There was a discussion on what counts as hours.

Robin will collect paperbacks for soldiers. More book donations will be sought for Christmas.

Peg noted 10 members went to Board and Brush night. Cynthia circulated a list to sign-up for Auburn Winery on May 9. There will be a tasting, pizza and an open-mic.

Donna discussed Bingo and explained the new updates on state rules and the gambling account. Funds must be spent within one year of the event. Elaine stated the next Bingo meeting is April 24. Joanne K. asked for members to donate empty baskets and themed baskets for Bingo.

Nancy M. said the Education Committee met with the GCI girls in February. Donna may join Clara as a house-mother this year.

Linda M. thanked those who will help at Literacy night at Oakview on March 28.

Peg spoke about the Board and Brush event on March 29.

Other upcoming events were listed on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM and Secret Pal gifts were distributed. Ellen won the drawing.

Submitted by Doris



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU to Carol H., who has been a faithful member of our club for many years. She is moving to Florida.