

Tidbits

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 6:45 pm
West Deptford Pub. Library

Refreshments

Snacks/Desserts: Kim V., Denise P.,
Patty W.

Beverage: Lisa K., Agnes
Ice (zip loc bag): Elaine R.

March Birthdays

8—Peggy P.
14—Cheryl F.

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: Sports bras for SERV
- ♥ Carla: Boxtops for Education
- ♥ Joan or Dorothy: Feminine hygiene products & coupons for feminine products for Greater Woodbury Area Cooperative Ministries
- ♥ Nancy B: Unexpired canned goods for West Deptford Food Pantry & clean towels & bedding for Gloucester County Animal Shelter

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

Dear Members,

March is the month where we start to get back into motion. We are thawing out from the winter months, days are getting longer, and we are ready to get back into the swing of things.

NEA's Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Thank you Linda M. for coordinating this project with some of our club members to read to the children at the Red Bank School.

Our Social/Entertainment Committee, Cynthia H-B. and Peg S., are very busy planning a trip to the Madir Temple this month. They are also looking into a Board and Brush night. A winery trip is in the near future!!!

Arts Creative Chair Linda J. is looking for our creative members to enter their creations at the annual Garden District Spring Conference & Achievement Day on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at the Pennsauken Country Club. Tickets are \$36. Starts at 10:00 a.m. Please see Linda for details.

The Bingo Committee held their first meeting. A few of the committee members have shopped and purchased



beautiful and stylish handbags. They are off to a great start!!!

I am pleased to announce April Maska as the new Co-President. April is uniquely qualified to help lead our club. See her bio on page 2.

We are saying hello to April as we say goodbye to Louise Avery. Louise has retired and moved to Pennsylvania. We are so grateful for her service as Co-President for the past three years and will miss her on the Board. However, April is up for the challenge and is looking forward to the new position. I'm thrilled to have another fabulous partner to work alongside of.

Welcome new members! Our club is growing so quickly. It is so wonderful to see growth and so many new and friendly faces.

In Federation Friendship & Love,
Carol & April



Don't forget to
**SPRING
AHEAD**
Sunday,
March 10

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Carol Frisby

Meet April Maska

Our club is very lucky to have April Maska, our 1st Vice President since 2018, accept the appointment as Co-President to fill the vacancy left by Louise Avery's resignation. Here's why:

April met her husband Pat Maska on the Aircraft Lexington in Pensacola, Florida in 1977 on a Sea Scout event and was married the following year. She was living in Massachusetts at the time and Pat was living in West Deptford.

She is the Mother of 1, Aimee Linda Maska Boucher, Stepmother of 5, Biological Grandmother of 2, Step Grandmother of 8, and Step Great Grandmother of 1

April was a teacher for 28 years with the West Deptford School System (retired 2018). She taught First and Second Grade at Oakview School, and was the Pilot Teacher for the looping program at Oakview School. She has been Assistant to the Principal for the last eight years.

Community Service

- ◆ Co-Founder and Co-President of the West Deptford Historical Assoc., Co-Author of the Book, *History of West Deptford* by Arcadia Publishing.
- ◆ Chairman of the Gloucester County Juvenile Conference Committee for 17 years. This committee hears cases on first time Juvenile Offenders and makes a judgment/recommendation of offense.
- ◆ Member of the West Deptford Free Public Library Board of Trustees for 19 years, serving as President for 17 years and presently Vice President.
- ◆ Member of the Community Advisory Panel of West Deptford. This group included large businesses of West Deptford and their impact on the township.
- ◆ Formerly was a Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid Instructor.
- ◆ Former leader for both Girl Scouts and Sea Scouts in West Deptford.



- ◆ Started the first Daisy Scout Troop in Gloucester County upon its inception in 1984.

Honors

- ◆ Honored as Woman of the Year 1991 by the West Deptford Junior Women's Club.
- ◆ Honored as one of 29 Super Women of the year 2013 by South Jersey Magazine.
- ◆ Named Teacher of the Year in 2001.



- ◆ Ken and Debbie H. are very proud of their granddaughter Zoe for her recent performance in Emma The Musical at Paulsboro High School. She played one of the leading parts as Harriett and did a wonderful job. We are so proud of Zoe's academic and artistic gifts that she continues to develop.
- ◆ Chris & Charlie T. were on a cruise and won the "love story" contest! They stood up in front of about 400 people while Chris told their story. Then Charlie played "You Were Meant for Me" sung by Jewel but written by the artist that Charlie played with (Steve Poltz) on stage. Magical moment!

Our 2018 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

HOME LIFE

Debbie Hinkle

Dream Center House Warming

After listening to Natalie Fortunato speak about the work of the South Jersey Dream Center at our meeting a few months ago, we would like to continue to assist them.

If you would care to personally help the efforts of this organization, let's have a "House Warming" event at our next meeting. Please bring a household item

to be donated. The items do not have to be new but must be usable. Kitchen or any other household items that you would like to donate are acceptable.

This will also be a good time to look through those kitchen drawers and cabinets to see what utensils, dishes, pots and pans, etc. you have not used in the last 6 months. If you are not using it, maybe someone else can.

Thank you in advance.

SPECIAL CLUB PROJECT: FAMILY PROMISE

Jeannette Wood

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

Each new family receives a duffel bag donated by our club to carry their clothing when they travel to sleep at local churches.

Even the children get a duffel bag if they need one for school.

What is needed is **NEW 21 inch or larger Duffel Bags.**

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.

A special thank you to Sue Nelson and Janice Morrison who donated 5 duffel bags this month. In addition we purchased 3 duffel bags with the money collected at our February meeting. We had a total of 8 duffel bags to deliver this month.

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



MEETING PROTOCOL

Parliamentary Pointers

Have you noticed that during our club meetings sometimes we have more than one member talking at once? Here's an article by GFWC Parliamentarian Deen J. Meloro on the way our meetings should operate.

Under Parliamentary Law, only one person may speak at a time, and that person must speak to the presiding officer (the chair). Of course, this gives everyone present the chance to listen. It is the chair's responsibility to correctly determine who is to speak. This is called "obtaining the floor."

In order to obtain the floor, a person must rise and address the chair. The chair may then call on that person to speak. If more than one person rises, it is the member who rose first who is called on. *No one can rise before the previous speaker is finished.*

In a large meeting when microphones are being used, the presiding officer may have to use her experience to know who should be given the floor. If there is a long line at the microphones, or many people are trying to obtain the floor, the presiding officer may try to call on those for the motion and those against the motion alternately.

As soon as a motion is made, the presiding officer will look at the person who made the motion to see if that person wishes to speak, as the person who makes the motion has preference in this case. The maker of the motion may choose not to speak if there is no need to speak, or if she/he plans to speak later.

No one may speak a second time on the same motion on the same day as long as any other member who has not spoken desires the floor.

Following these rules helps prevent noise and hard feelings at a meeting.

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.

At our February meeting we collected 4 sweatshirts and 2 sweatpants for the children. A special thank you to those who donated the clothing.

We also collected \$20 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, please let me know. Photo shown, right. It is a magnetic pin of a house and a heart with the words, "For the Child."

Thank you for your continued support.



DONATIONS

A big **THANK YOU** to our club members for your generous donation to the WD Cafeteria Account. We were able to contribute \$103.00 from our collection at the February club meeting. I brought it to the Cafeteria Supervisor right away and she could not express her appreciation enough. Our members are amazing!

—April

FEDERATION NEWS

Joan Baur

NJSFWC Convention

The CALL to convention has been mailed and posted on the federation website. Convention is an opportunity to learn more about the state federation, meet federation sisters, and spend time with our club and district clubwomen. The convention dates are May 6-8. GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC First Vice President Deb Strahanoski will speak at the Business Sessions or Dinners. These two dynamic women are two special guest speakers attending our convention.

Carol F. has the registration forms for workshops and meals. You can register for the three days (\$25) or one day (\$15)

and workshops by seeing Carol. The club has budgeted money to cover the registration fee for all club members going to Atlantic City.

Last year four of our club members attended the three days while four other women were there for the last day. The Wednesday session includes a workshop (8:00a.m.—9:15a.m.) and a Business Session (9:45a.m.—12:00p.m.). The scheduled workshops are Presidents Roundtable, Membership Matters, Treasurer's Workshop, and Legislation/Resolutions. The Business Sessions begins with In Memoriam, which will include our former club member, SallyAnne Caranfa. A representative of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial will speak during the meeting. The Honor Roll and Order of the Lily award winners will be presented as the last convention activity. The WCWD honorees will be among these women, if they choose to attend the ceremony. The WCWD Honors Committee will announce the names of these two women soon.

Upcoming Events

March 21	Arts Performing Day
April 18	Spring Conference/ Achievement Day
May 16	Girls' Career Institute (GCI) Reception
June 20	June Council

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Joan Baur

Women's History Month

The month of March is designated as **Women's History Month**. The annual declared month highlights the contributions of women in history and in contemporary society. This designated month is celebrated in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. International Women's Day is March 8.

When did the U.S. begin to celebrate Women's History Month? In 1981 Congress passed Pub.L. 97-28 to authorize and request the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." During the next five years Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." The National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to extend the week to a month. In 1987 Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9, as Women's History Month. Between 1988 and 1994 Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. The President has signed a Presidential Proclamation of Women's History Month every year since 1988.

The annual theme of Women's History Month is chosen by the National Women's History Project. 2019—"Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence."

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial (TPSM) is located in southern Fairfax County, Virginia, within a new cultural area of Occoquan Regional Park.

Why Occoquan? The TPSM is a national memorial to American suffragists with a special focus on the women imprisoned at the historic Occoquan Workhouse. Women who were arrested while demonstrating for the right to vote endured harsh conditions and abuse in the prison. The "turning point" of the battle for suffrage occurred when word leaked out about how the women were being mistreated



in the workhouse. Learn more about the memorial on the TPSM website or by attending the NJSFWC convention on Wednesday, May 8.



ARTS CREATIVE

Linda Jones

Spring Conference

Calling all club members! The annual GARDEN DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE & ACHIEVEMENT DAY will take place on April 18, 2019 at the Pennsauken Country Club. We will carpool together and arrive around 9:00 a.m. in order to enter our artistic items into competition. All club members may attend, with or without an art entry.

The conference proceeds to a delicious luncheon around noon with the menu including:

- * Fresh Fruit Medley
- * ENTRÉE—Choice of: Chicken Parmesan, Filet Champignons with a wild mushroom demi glaze, Marco St. Thomas—chicken w/crab Imperial, asparagus, & Monterey Jack Cheese
- * Fresh vegetables & starch
- * Rolls, butter, coffee, tea
- * Peach Melba w/vanilla ice cream

Please place your name and choice of entree on the sign up sheet and give Linda Jones your check for \$36.00 payable to *Woman's Club of West Deptford* at our

March 12 club meeting. All checks will be given together to our treasurer, Patty. Debbie H. is the District Assistant who will receive club checks from the entire Garden District.

Packets of information and art categories were given to our members at the February club meeting. A separate registration form is required for each project. Towards the end of the conference day, attendees will view the art entries of each club and learn who received the winning ribbons and certificates.

I would like to have your completed art registration forms by our March club meeting or by March 20 at the last possible date. I will send all of our entries together by mail on March 22 to the District Arts Creative Chairman. I would be glad to take your art items to the conference for you if you are not able to attend. Please drop them off to me by April 15.

I am looking forward to another wonderful day enjoying all the remarkable talent in our club as well as the entire Garden District.

Library Book Festival

The Art Department will prepare a "make and take" moving animal craft project for the children attending the West Deptford Library Book Festival in May. We will cut out various parts and pieces and make "kits" in advance for each child to construct. This community service project will require the following materials: card stock paper, straws, wiggle eye stickers, small glue sticks, tape, and gallon size plastic bags. Approximately one hundred kits will be prepared for our craft table.

If you would like to help with this project, please sign up at our March club meeting. The date is Tuesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Jones. (1205 Parkland Commons, Rolling Brook Farms)

The kits will take a couple of hours to prepare. Thank you in advance for your interest.



SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Cynthia Holmes-Butler, Peg Shirey

Denise Pitchford hosted a very enjoyable Book Club at her home on February 27th. The group discussed *Where the*

Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The book was a good read and led to an interesting discussion.



We are planning a trip to The Madir Temple in Robbinville on Friday, March 22. We will have late lunch at Mastoris before heading home. Admission is free and the Temple looks beautiful. So far 9 people are interested in going. Please let me know if you'd like to go.

We are looking into a Board and Brush Workshop—making signs! Also a bus trip to a winery.



DEAR SECRET PAL

Dear Secret Pal,
Thank you so much for the birthday gift. I was able to treat my family to dinner. Something I didn't have to cook or clean up after!!! The perfect gift!!

—Joanne ☺

Dear Secret Pal,
Thank you so much for the extremely warm slipper socks and soothing bath crystals. What a great way to get cozy during these dreary weeks. What thoughtful gifts!

—Fondly, April

Dear Secret Pal,
Sorry for the late thank you for January. I loved the hat and gloves. I use them all the time at work. It is cold on the bus in the am. The heart wreath is beautiful. I hung it up in my living room so I could enjoy it for a while. Thank you for thinking of me.

—Fondly, Sherry W.



More Thank You Notes

Thank you, ladies in the WCWD, for all of your friendship, support and kindness over the past years. The 25th Anniversary Celebration was awesome. I love and appreciate all members from the

Service Hours

Hi Ladies,

Just a reminder to keep track of those Service Hours. Everything you do for the club makes a difference to others. If you need a Service Hours sheet let me know. I can send you one or you can get a hard copy from me at our March meeting.

—April

ladies that I have known for over 25 years to the new members that I just met. Our club is an amazing group of women and I am so glad to be a part of it. A special "thank you" goes out to Clara Campbell for the Woman's Club pins that she replaced when my house was broken into and my pins were stolen. I greatly appreciate your kindness.

Love and Federation Friendship,
—Ellen S.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Linda Marple, Janice Morrison

Teen Dating Abuse

In an article entitled "When Your Teen Is Dating an Abuser" by Janice Miller, director of client services at [House of Ruth](#), Miller offers advice to parents suspecting that their teen may be being abused. She points out that over 1.5 million U.S. high schoolers of both genders admitted to being abused in the year 2015. Unfortunately, only about one-third of those are coming forward.

While a parent's first reaction may be to break up the relationship, Miller cautions parents that it could be a very difficult task since teens generally seek independence during this period of their life. Parents risk having their teen not sharing any further information. If your teen comes to you and admits abuse, rather than jumping to call the abuser's parents or police, parents and teens may want to seek advice from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE. The organization offers free, anonymous support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and can help you assess the situation.

Before teens even enter the dating scene, Miller suggests talking to your teens about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like so they are better prepared to recognize the signs.

For more information about this article go to <https://www.domesticshelters.org/articles/children-and-domestic-violence/when-your-teen-is-dating-an-abuser>

I would like to thank Doris Eith for taking care of my plants while I was away. I was excited to find

at least 25 buds on my Christmas cactus. I have never had more than 5 or 6 blooms at one time.

—Debbie



NJSFWC Spring Membership Open House

**Saturday, March 30
1-3 p.m.**

NJSFWC Headquarters
55 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick NJ 08901

R.S.V.P. by March 25 by emailing
membership@njsfwc.org



