



# Tidbits

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GFWC  
Woman's Club  
of West Deptford

Next Meeting  
INSTALLATION  
DINNER  
Tuesday, June 11  
6:00 p.m.  
Charlie Brown's  
(reservations req'd,  
cash bar)

Refreshments  
Nobody this month

Summer Birthdays  
6/14—Sue D.  
6/14—Ellen S.  
6/21—Joan B.  
7/7—Susan W.  
7/24—Patty W.  
8/13—Robin E.  
8/16—Carol S.



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## President's Message

This is my first official article as incoming President of the Woman's Club of West Deptford. The new Board and I look forward to serving you and the community in our new positions. The formal installations will be during our last General Meeting for the year on June 11th. A shout-out to Jody and her Social Committee for putting together the venue and menu. The evening is sure to be wonderful.

### Board Meetings

In mid-June, the new Board will be gathering informally to help the new members acclimate to how the Board operates. Our first official meeting will be in late August for the September general meeting. Also in June, the new and outgoing treasurers will meet along with two past treasurers

to have an official review of the books. Thank you to Denise Pitchford and Patty Wyzkowski for helping with this.

### Filing Cabinet Needed

Now that we have over thirty years of minutes and other materials, it is important to safeguard the club's history. We are looking for a used/excellent condition 4-drawer filing cabinet with a lock to store the records. The River-Winds Community Center has offered us a space in the Senior Center. Thank you to Denise Hosier for arranging this. If you have a cabinet or know where we could find one at a low cost, please reach out. Before we can store the records, we need to gather them and review them for duplicates. I will be reaching out to a few veteran members to help with this.

### Garden District Councils

As of this writing, there are 16 WCWD members signed up for the District Meeting on June 20th. Our club will be well represented, and what a wonderful way to show support to our new District VP, Mary Schneider, and our own Cheryl Fairchild, District Assistant. I will send an email closer to the date to see who would like to carpool.

As we did last year, we will host the Garden District meeting on September 19. Once the schedule is finalized, I will send out information, so you can plan to attend if you would like.

### District Chairs Needed

Finally, the District needs Chairs for the following positions: Communications, Environment, Domestic Violence, Day of Service (January 20th), State Fall Conference. If you are interested in any of these, let me know and I will put you in touch with Mary Schneider.

Have a great summer, everyone!



HONOR ROLL AND ORDER OF THE LILY RECIPIENTS: Awards were presented at Convention to Denise P. (Order of the Lily) and Sue N., Patty W., and Janice M. (Honor Roll). Congrats, ladies!

Sincerely,  
*Janice*

“Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.”  
—Al Bernstein

## First Vice President

Jody Harris

I am looking forward to serving as your First Vice President and I thank you for having the confidence in me to do the job.

Plans have already been made for our upcoming fall fundraisers. Some are tried and true, while others are new and inventive. I hope you will enjoy supporting them and helping our club earn funds so we can continue serving our community.

### Fundraisers

Our first fundraiser will be the **Fall Hoagie Lunch Package**. It will include a hoagie made by Stellato Boys, along with a 16 oz. bottle of water, chips, and cookies. I will be asking for

volunteers to donate large brown paper lunch bags, bottled water, packages of chips and packages of the two-packs of cookies. I will also be asking for volunteers to fill several positions the day of the hoagie pick-up which will be **Saturday, September 28th, 2024**. More information and specifics will be coming your way in mid-late August.

### Volunteer Hours

I will also need your **hours volunteered in April, May, and June**, so they can be recorded in our log. I do not need a breakdown as to how you collected them, just your name and your

number of volunteered hours will be great. You are welcome to send this to me at your earliest convenience.

Before we get down to some serious fundraising, it's time for everyone to enjoy the summer season, get outdoors, enjoy time with family/ friends, and rest up for a new club year.

See you in the fall (late August).

—Jody

## Newsy NOTES

From Jody: In January under the direction of Carol D. I made a Vision Board as a Health/Wellness activity. Aside from the eat healthy, exercise, travel, more time with family and friends, etc...my vision was/is to run the Disney Princess 5K which is in February. I have been doing the "Couch to 5K Training Program" since January, with a few interruptions.

Unbeknownst to anyone, I signed up to do the Sesame Place 5K to see if I could actually RUN it; walking it is not a challenge, as I have walked several 5Ks. The Sesame Place 5K was Sunday, May 19, 2024. David walked it and I ran it; 39:26 was my official time and my pace was 12:43, not bad for my first ever run and guess what?! I took 2nd place for my division!!!



Linda & Bill J. are celebrating the achievements of each grandson this month. Tyler's Master's degree; Brandon's BA degree; Corey's WDHS graduation; Jake's academic GPA award at MIT; and Brady chosen by WDHS to attend HOBY. Congrats, guys 🍀🎓

## Second Vice President

Cynthia Holmes-Butler  
Ann Caswell

It's almost time for our End-of-the-Year Installation Dinner! We are very fortunate to have Ann Caswell become the new Membership VP. Ann is a very hard working, talented, kind and compassionate person. She will welcome new members and serve the club well.

I'll be in the background to help Ann in any way that I can...as I'm sure our wonderful club members will too!

—Cynthia

Thank you Cynthia, for your kind words. I am looking forward to tak-

ing over the membership duties for the new club year. Anyone who has a friend who might be interested in our club is welcome to join us for a meeting. Just let me know in advance so that I can welcome them. I'll see you all at the End-of-Year Dinner.

—Ann

### Secret Pals

Please be sure to bring your secret pal gifts to the Installation Dinner. This is your last chance until September to lavish your Secret Pal in gifts!

## Federation News

Isabella Cooper

### Garden District June Council

The Garden District June Council will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The Gloucester County Women's Club is hosting it at the Washington Township Senior Center, 315 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ 08090. Marlton Women's Club and Women's Club of Merchantville will provide refreshments.

Registration (\$5.00) and refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m.; the meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. Those attending are requested to wear red, white, and blue to celebrate the summer holidays.

Patricia Dahl, NJSFWC Second Vice President/Membership will be the evening's speaker. RSVP by June 13 to Cheryl Fairchild, District Assistant.

### Meet and Greet at Headquarters

On June 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., all club women are invited to



OUR CONVENTION DELEGATES: Cheryl, Janice, Denise H., Debbie H., and Kim were our club's representatives at the Annual Convention in Atlantic City.

NJSFWC Headquarters to meet our new NJSFWC Executive Board. Refreshments will be served. Register with Denise Hosier, who will be driving up that day. Headquarters is located on the Rutgers Campus, at 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick.

### Also Upcoming

Girls' Career Institute at Douglass College, New Brunswick, June 2-5.

## Treasurer

### STATE YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE

Yearbook orders will be sent in on June 17. If you want to purchase a yearbook, please have your payment of \$30 to me by then. Make checks out to WCWD, pay electronically, or with cash.

Thank you,

—Peg S.

## Arts & Culture

Ann Caswell, Kat Nixon,  
Susan Degnan, Sharon Hink

We had a fun year working our creativity and will enjoy the summer break.

Plans are in the works for a blanket project for Inspira babies born sleeping. This project will be in coordination with the Advocates for Children committee. See page 4 for details on this knitting or crocheting project.

Welcome to our new members! We'll have a meeting during the summer to make project plans.



## Basket Raffle

Sue Nelson, Nancy D'Amico,  
April Maska, Jody Harris



**2024 Basket Raffle**  
**October 21, 2024**  
**6-9 p.m.**

Four-Star Event Catering  
595 Princeton Blvd.  
Wenonah NJ

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday, June 18,**  
**7 p.m. on Zoom.**  
Hope you can make it!

### Baskets

We have 13 basket ideas reported. If you know what type of a basket you plan to do, let us know so it can be added to the list.

### Solicitations

A few people have already started to ask places for donations. If you ask anywhere, please be sure to

send the information so others do not ask the same businesses.

### Hours and In-Kind Donations

When reporting your hours to Jody for the last quarter (April/May/June) don't forget to also send any time you spent or the value of any in-kind donation you made connected to the basket raffle to Nancy D.

### Where to send info

Any and all information related to the basket raffle should be sent to the same person. This includes basket names, solicitations, hours, in-kind

donations, basket items list and value, and names of the people donating. Send all of this information to **Nancy D'Amico**. Please **email** her at [naustin107@aol.com](mailto:naustin107@aol.com)

### Thanks!

Thank you so much to everyone who is volunteering and to everyone who is donating a basket and soliciting. Our fundraiser will be a huge success because of all of **YOU!** We are so fortunate to have so many generous and caring ladies in our club. This is one project that definitely "takes a village" and there could not be a better village.

A big hearty thanks to all those who have so generously donated cello bags, ribbon, and stickers used to wrap our baskets for our upcoming basket raffle. You are awesome and so much appreciated! Thank you so much!

—Peg S.

## Advocates for Children

Karen Hink, Barbara Oldt,  
Pixie O'Hara, Karen Brown

The end of our meetings does not mean the end of our work.

We welcome Karen B. to our team !

### Ronald McDonald House

Over the summer, please continue to save soda and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

### Share-a-Book

We will continue to place books where we can for young readers to find, enjoy and share.

### Emmanuel Cancer Foundation

We would like to continue making birthday cake kits for ECF. Each kit contains a cake mix, icing, Sprite canned soda, candles, and

sprinkles. If anyone wants to help, please contact me (Karen H.) and I will pick up from you.

### Baby Blankets

This project is assigned to Arts and Culture, but if any-

one can make the blankets, we can supply the materials.

Next year, we will continue our volunteer efforts in our Elementary schools.

Have a great summer!



## BABY BLANKETS NEEDED

We are in need of knitted or crocheted baby blankets of all sizes for our babies born sleeping. Size examples range from 13in x 13in to 28in x 28in. Donations can be given to any L&D RN at Vineland Inspira, or drop them off to the main lobby of the Vineland hospital for the Labor and Delivery unit.

Girl, boy, & gender neutral blankets needed, as well as rainbow blankets for babies born after a loss



# Socially Speaking

Jody Harris, Margie Maines, Kat Nixon, Holly Revelas

We have been working diligently to find activities for the fall to meet the needs of our membership. If you have something in mind that you would be interested in doing, please reach out and let us know. We will see what we can do to make that a reality.

Below you will see some upcoming events your social committee has planned:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024: 6PM  
End of Year Installation Dinner -  
Charlie Brown's Steakhouse**

## Hope to see you there!

Final count and all monies have already been collected for this event. If you have not signed up and are interested, we would be more than happy to put you on a waiting list to attend. Thank you.

**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024:  
11am-4pm — Butterfly Festival  
at Red Bank Battlefield**

100 Hessian Ave – National Park

Featuring live music, vendors, games, crafts, Butterfly House Tours as well as a photo contest. For more information email: [mcummings@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:mcummings@co.gloucester.nj.us).

(WE are NOT planning this as a group event. This is for your information.)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024:  
7pm – Zoom Book Club Meeting**

We will be discussing: [The Little Ray of Sunshine](#) by Kristan Higgins.

*Please RSVP by 8/5 to Jody to be placed on the Zoom invite list.*

**MID to LATE AUGUST -  
Welcome Back Happy Hour TBD**

More information to follow. Watch your email.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

**Penn's Peak for Patsy Cline Tribute Show: Memories of Patsy**

This show will transport you back in time to the days when this amazing singer graced the stages of America. This is open to all club sisters and the public.

## Includes:

- Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation
- Ticket for lunch and show
- Free time in Jim Thorpe, PA
- Call any AAA office to book: \$189.pp
  - ◇ Voorhees: 856-783-4222
  - ◇ Sewell: 856-589-6900
  - ◇ Millville: 856-0222

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024:**

**6pm - Paint & Sip Night  
Paint-A-Treasure**

615 Station Ave., Haddon Heights

More information to follow in September.

Several other possibilities are in the planning stages at this point, but I am not yet ready to discuss them. We are planning to work with your Arts/Culture Committee with a few coordinating events.

## On a personal note:

I'd like to end this section with a special thank you to my committee. It has been a pleasure working with Holly these past four years. We joined the club together and jumped right into taking over the social committee in the midst of the pandemic. We worked hard and tried to come up with various activities to keep us all in touch. We continued working through 2021 against the same odds. We were able to keep our committee running and bring in some new ideas.

In September of 2022, Holly and I were joined by Margie and Kat. They brought several new and inventive ideas to our committee. It has been both a pleasure and an honor to work with all of these wonderful ladies. The social committee would not be the same without their contributions, hard work and dedication.

We wish each and every one of you a restful, relaxing, totally wonderful summer season. We look forward to seeing you in the fall (late August) as we get back into the swing of things with plenty of activities to look forward to.

—Until then, Jody



Cinco de Mayo Lunch

# Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries

Joan Baur

## Special Projects News

\* 135 new bras were distributed in May.

\* Boxers/briefs, t-shirts or socks will be distributed in June. Twenty-nine items were donated by our clubwomen.

\* Boscov's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes will be sold August-October. Shopping date is October 22. Cost is \$5.00.

\* School supplies will be collected in June and July for

distribution in August. Contact Joan if you would like to donate.

Suggested school supplies: pens (blue or black ink), pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, composition books, backpacks, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, pocket folders, sticky notes, spiral notebooks, pencil cases/boxes, \$5.00 gift cards for Staples, 1" binders, dividers.

Any donations of school supplies would be appreciated. If

you are interested in packing backpacks in July, let me know and I will contact you with the details.

**Special note:** A member of the GWCM board extended the board's gratitude to our club for the donation of the toiletry-filled handbags.

Thank you for your assistance with these projects for those in need in our community and the surrounding area.

—Joan

"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."  
—DeAnn Hollis

## Special Club Project: Family Promise

Jeannette Wood

At last month's meeting we collected \$30.00 toward duffel bags. We also collected four Lands End and seven Vera Bradley bags. **Thank you. Thank you.**

With the money I purchased two duffel bags. Then I delivered the 13 bags to Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey.

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

Be sure to check out the History article on the next page for lots of history on our Special Project!



## Arts Performing

Cheryl Fairchild

I am excited to get this department up and running again! In September, we will begin singing a Patriotic Song after the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Remember over the summer to support the Arts by watching plays and concerts live or

on television. The West Deptford Township home page lists the Riverwinds free concert series that takes place on Friday nights. Also, check out the Broadway theater in Pitman and the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Collingswood for exciting summer shows.

# History Spotlight

Linda Jones

Community service, charitable work, and volunteerism benefits the places where we live and work. We have had the opportunity to contribute to the quality of life in our neighborhood and community. What has been our most inspiring club program? How have we enhanced the lives of others through this ongoing program?

Looking back at a little history:

## Family Promise

The year was 2012 when FAMILY PROMISE was chosen as the SPECIAL STATE PROJECT for two years ending in 2014. Our club chair was Jeannette Wood. What was the mission? New Jersey Women's Clubs and our WDWC would help to provide food, shelter, gift cards, and hospitality to families struggling as homeless working families in order to help them achieve sustainable independence and build a better future. Volunteers, nonprofits, and social service organizations assist families in reaching the goal of permanent housing.

Did you know? Club members provided the first of several dinners and social times for FAMILY PROMISE families at St. Paul's United Methodist Church where we now have our club meetings. In the past, homeless families were housed in churches

overnight, and meals were provided by the churches. As families were moving around, diaper bags, tote bags, school gym bags, etc. were needed. Debbie Hinkle made \$300 for FAMILY PROMISE by making and selling lacy scarves. Many members attended the "TASTE of SOUTH JERSEY" fundraisers. In March of 2014 we adopted FAMILY PROMISE as another two-year club project.

Moving on, Jeannette reported that the network has been growing each year and our club will continue to help provide much needed 17-inch or larger duffle bags. Jeannette has been using our donated funds to purchase duffle bags or delivered bags purchased by our members. A little cardboard house-shaped box is at every meeting for monetary donations. The WCWD has voted each year to continue helping families. This program has been providing shelter, meals, housing, and job-seeking support to develop transitional housing, childcare, and homeless prevention.

Today, one in thirty children will experience homelessness in our country. To read more about the beginning year 2003 and how they later became a national organization visit the national website:

[www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org) or read more current information on the Facebook page and the web page [familypromise.swnj.org](http://familypromise.swnj.org) as this nonprofit has changed its name to **FAMILY PROMISE of SOUTHWEST NEW JERSEY**. This rewarding project is still continuing every year thanks to our generous club members!



NOVEMBER 2012: Jeannette collected money in her "House" Bank plus members donated duffle bags and flash drives for Family Promise.

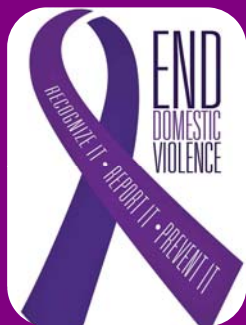


SUMMER 2012: Jeannette, Ellen, and president Joan Baur collected money for Family Promise at our Pond Tour, which was our major fundraiser at that time.



# Domestic Violence Awareness

Linda Marple,  
Carol Scancellia



Domestic abuse, also called "domestic violence" or "intimate partner violence", can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner.

*Much of this information has been published before. However, we have many new members or members who might not have been concerned with Domestic Violence before now.*

## What Is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse, also called "domestic violence" or "intimate partner violence," can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone.

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It can occur within a range of relationships, including couples who are married, living together, or dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

Victims of domestic abuse may also include a child or other relative, or any other household member.

Domestic abuse is typically manifested as a pattern of abusive behavior toward an intimate partner in a dating or family relationship, where the abuser exerts power and control over the victim.

Domestic abuse can be mental,

physical, economic or sexual in nature. Incidents are rarely isolated, and usually escalate in frequency and severity. Domestic abuse may culminate in serious physical injury or death.

## Power and Control Wheel

Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are the most apparent forms of domestic abuse and violence, and are usually the actions that allow others to become aware of the problem. However, regular use of other abusive behaviors by the abuser, when reinforced by one or more acts of physical violence, make up a larger system of abuse. Although physical assaults may occur only once or occasionally, they instill the fear of future violent attacks and allow the abuser to take control of the victim's life and circumstances.

The Power & Control wheel is a particularly helpful tool in understanding the overall pattern of abusive and violent behaviors, which are used by an abuser to establish and maintain control over his/her partner or any other victim in the household. Very often, one or more violent incidents may be accompanied by an array of these other types of abuse. They are less easily identified, yet firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in the relationship.

*(Source: Developed by Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, MN, <https://www.theduluthmodel.org/>)*

For more information on this topic go to the United Nations website and search Domestic Violence. For local help call SERV's (Services to Empower Rights of Victims) hotline, 877.295.7378. Calls answered 24/7.





# Health and Wellness

Carol Dechen, Chris Taylor, Linda Marple, Kim Czoch, Kathy Ward

- South Jersey Dream Center—  
128 lbs of food; \$250
- Colonial Manor Food Pantry—  
745 lbs of food, \$760
- GWCM—100 lbs of food; 135 bras  
and men's underwear
- Angels Community Outreach —  
422 lbs of clothing; 75 lbs of food
- Jeannette's Closet—  
269 lbs of clothing

**For our Spring activity, six members put multiple toiletries donated by 22 members in 44 pocketbooks to be handed out at Jeannette's Closet in Woodbury. In Kind \$320.**

## Preventing Skin Cancer

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays is the most important preventable risk factor for skin cancer. UV rays come from the sun, sunlamps and tanning beds. There are two types of UV rays that can reach and damage your skin: UVA and UVB. UVB cause a much greater risk of skin cancer while UVA rays cause wrinkles aging, and loss of elasticity. To help reduce your risk of skin cancer:

- Minimize your exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is when UV rays are strongest.
- Apply a generous amount of sunscreen 30 minutes before you go outside. Use a water-resistant, broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30. Broad-spectrum means the sunscreen protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Apply it to all areas of your body that will be exposed to the sun.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours, even on cloudy days. Reapply after swimming or sweating.
- Wear clothing that covers your body and shades your face. Wear a



long-sleeved shirt, pants, and a wide-brimmed hat. Hats should provide shade for the face, ears, and back of the neck.

- Wear sunglasses with a UV coating (the label should say 100% UVA/UVB protection). This will reduce the amount of UV rays that reach the eye and protect your eyelids and the eye itself.
- Don't use sunlamps or tanning beds.
- Get Vitamin D through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements.
- Protect your lips with lip balm with at least SPF 15.
- Certain medications increase the skin's sensitivity to UV rays. It's possible to develop a severe sunburn in just minutes when taking certain medications. Read labels carefully.

## Protecting Children

Skin damage from UV rays early in life can lead to skin cancer later in life. Keep children from too much sun exposure between 10am and 4pm. Apply a generous amount of sunscreen often to children aged 6 months and older. Keep babies younger than 6 months out of direct sunlight. Dress your baby in hats and lightweight clothing that covers most of the skin. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) approves using sunscreen on babies younger than 6

months if clothing and shade don't provide enough cover. Apply a small amount of sunscreen. Use it only on your baby's exposed areas such as the face and back of the hands.

## Take Care Around Sand and Snow

Sand and water reflect UV rays, even under a beach umbrella. If you're on the beach, cover up and use sunscreen. Snow is also good at reflecting UV rays. Cover up and wear sunscreen while outside in snowy areas.

*From: 'Sun Safety' and 'Preventing Skin Cancer' (Johns Hopkins)*

## 130 CHALLENGE STAY TUNED

- Facebook Live
- Wednesday, June 5th, 7am (or watch it later)
- Exercise and Dancing

—Carol D.



## Civic Engagement/Outreach

Sharon James, Linda Clark, Kristen Cervantes

### GFWC National Day of Service

September 28

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The National Day of Service (NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address it, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs will participate by organizing Community Service Programs (CSP) in their communities as part of NDS.

### Reduce Food Insecurity

This year's focus for the GFWC Day of Service is reducing food insecurity in our communities.

We will collect food for our local food pantries, especially for the South Jersey Dream Center and Colonial Manor Food Pantry if they are accepting food donations in September.

Every member is encouraged to bring food to our September meeting if you are able, and our volunteers will take it to the Dream Center.

Or you can donate to any food pantry of your choice and just report it to our CEO team.

Thanks to everyone for helping us to reduce food insecurity in our West Deptford Community.

*"I can tell you that hunger does exist in this country. For many adults and children, going to sleep hungry is not a threat; it's a regular occurrence. And it must end." —Former USDA Secretary Mike Espy*

Childhood should be carefree, playing in the sun; not living a nightmare in the darkness of the soul.

—Dave Pelzer

## Special State Project

Denise Pitchford, Debbie Hinkle, Karen Hink, Pixie O'Hara

### New Jersey Children's Alliance

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs has adopted the New Jersey Children's Alliance as their 2024-2026 Special State Project.

The New Jersey Children's Alliance (NJCA) is a statewide nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to promote hope, healing, and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Child Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy and leadership.

NJCA aids communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of criminal child abuse by

providing support, training, and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) and multidisciplinary teams in all 21 NJ counties. We are very fortunate that our community's closest Child Advocacy Center is located right here in Woodbury, NJ.

We are in the process of securing a date to have a program on our Special State Project. In learning about it, we can better understand this organization and just what services we, as a club, can provide and share to promote this worthwhile Special State Project. For more information, see the website at <https://njcainc.org>.



# Memorial Day Parade

April Maska

What a wonderful morning we had walking/riding in the West Deptford Memorial Day Parade. We had 20 members participating wearing our club shirts or decked out in red/white/blue as we represented our club.

The cheers and comments from the crowds were so welcoming and we delighted dozens of children with sweet treats.

A huge thank you to Carol D. for securing a wagon for our club members who rode and for getting Jay Walker to pull our wagon with his truck. He was terrific following the walkers and made sure we were all safe throughout the three-mile parade route.

We participated in the wreath laying ceremony for our lost military members and even beat the rain.

We will definitely be participating next year and hope even more of our members will be able to join us on the parade route.

Thank you to all that came out to represent our club. You all are incredible ladies. You totally rock!

Warmly, April

# Installation Dinner

End-of-Year Celebration  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024: 6PM  
Charlie Brown's Steakhouse

Your social committee worked very hard investigating to provide a moderately priced meal with something for all to enjoy. Charlie Brown's was best suited for our needs as it's a sit-down dinner in a private room large enough to accommodate all of us. Your dinner selection will include:

- Your choice of either Farmer's Market Salad Bar OR Soup of the Day
- Unlimited soda, coffee, and tea
- Cash Bar
- Choice of Entrees
  - ◊ Chicken Madeira
  - ◊ Classic Dill Salmon
  - ◊ Beef and Shrimp Skewers (2 beef/1shrimp) with rice

The evening's dinner is fully reserved, but if you didn't register and want to go, please call Jody right away to get on our wait list.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!





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*Community Service*  
*Spiced with Friendship and Fun*

### UPCOMING

June 11: Installation Dinner  
June 18: Basket Raffle Meeting  
June 20: Garden District Council  
August 7: Book Club Zoom  
August 15: Begin bringing  
baskets to Peg, Pixie, Jody  
Late August: Happy Hour  
Sept. 6: Deadline Basket Raffle  
Business Donations  
Sept. 10: Regular Meeting  
Sept. 19: Garden District Council  
September 28: Hoagie Sale  
September 30: Deadline for  
Baskets to Peg, Pixie, Jody  
October 8: Regular Meeting

### Website:

<https://wdwomen.com/>

### Collections

- ◆ Debbie H. & Sue N.: Small MEN'S gift items for ECF Secret Santa Shop.
- ◆ Linda M. & Janice: Money for gift cards for SERV victims of domestic violence.
- ◆ Cynthia/Peg S.: Household items & food for South Jersey Dream Center.
- ◆ Chris T.: Clothing and household items for Angels Community Outreach.
- ◆ Jeannette: Duffel bags for Family Promise.
- ◆ Nancy B.: unexpired canned goods for Colonial Manor Food Pantry.
- ◆ Joan: Feminine products, bras without underwire, & men's Depends for GWCM.
- ◆ Clara: old cell phones, suitcases & other items for K-9 training.

## Dear Secret Pal

Dear Secret Pal,  
Thank you for the beautiful covered candy dish. I put it away to be used on special occasions so it doesn't get accidentally knocked over or broken. Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer filled with everything that you enjoy to do in the warmer months. Stay safe, see you in the fall.  
—Jody H.

Dear Secret Pal,  
Thank you for the thoughtful Mother's Day card and candle. I love the little Gnomes that were with the gift too!!  
—Cheryl

Dear Secret Pal,  
Thank you for the lovely plant, gnome and balloon. The plant is now in a special pot in my backyard by

the pool and it looks beautiful. The balloon was so cherry for Mother's Day and the gnome is now gracing the table in the foyer as we get ready for summer. What wonderful gifts :-)  
—Warmly, April

Hello Secret Pal,  
How very thoughtful you are to have dropped off a lovely home decor planter for my husband and my wedding anniversary ♡ I have it on my kitchen counter, and it looks beautiful. I love it! —Thank you, Lisa

Hey there Secret Pal!  
I love your gift from last month. We took those items right to the shore and are already using everything. Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness.  
—Love, Janice

### Special Thanks

Dear Members &  
Honors Committee Members:

Thank you for the most prestigious honor of the Order of the Lily award! I am honored and very humbled by this award...and was quite surprised! It has been such a blessing in my life to be a part of the Woman's Club of West Deptford and working together all these years with such amazing women who truly do make a difference in the world we live. Thank you to the Honors Committee and for all those who journeyed to Atlantic City to support me and those receiving Honor Roll awards. It truly meant a lot and is much appreciated.

In Loving Federation Spirit,  
Denise P.