



# Tidbits

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December 2024

**GFWC  
Woman's Club  
of West Deptford**

**Next Meeting  
WEDNESDAY,  
Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Seven Star Diner  
1890 Hurffville Rd.,  
Sewell**

**Refreshments**  
None this month

### December Birthdays

- 2—Holly T.
- 5—Sharon J.
- 6—Carol F.
- 7—Sandy M.
- 13—Isabella C.
- 14—Joann Kf.
- 16—Karen H.
- 19—Anne Cr.
- 29—Clara C.



**GFWC 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

Janice Morrison

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanza. As I write this, Thanksgiving is just behind us, and there are many blessings to be thankful for. For one, we are blessed to be a band of sisters who care so much about our community. I see it in all the volunteer work and the giving spirit. We do many projects throughout the year, all in the service of our community-at-large. Thank you to all the Chairs and their committees who worked tirelessly during this past year. A huge shout out to my board, who supported me and helped me stay on track without judgment. I appreciate you all so much.

### Reporting

As we move into the new year, we need to report to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) on all the work done in 2024. This year NJSFWC switched where projects are reported, and when you look at the changes intuitively, it makes sense. The downside for this year is that one committee did the work, but it gets reported under another committee. I scheduled a Zoom meeting, "Report Writing Made Easy," to discuss the changes. I sent the meeting link on November 30th and the Zoom session will be on December 16th at 7 p.m. There will be a need to rebalance

teams at some point in the future. Because of these changes, reports will now be due on January 10th, so Jody and I can review them.

### Honors

Also in the new year, the Honor Roll and Order of the Lily committee will meet to select the next few members to be presented for these honors. Carol Frisby and April Maska, both past presidents and honor recipients, will co-chair the committee. They will reach out regarding what they need to make their selection. Meanwhile, think of members you feel deserve this award. To see who has already received it, you can look at the annual yearbook. All the names of previous honorees are in there. The purpose of getting this done early in the year is to be sure honorees are listed in the Convention Book, which is distributed in May.

### Member Recognition

Patricia Dahl, NJSFWC Second VP, in charge of membership, wants to recognize members who have 25 years or 50 years of service between the Junior Woman's Clubs and Woman's Clubs. Linda Jones has been researching our 50-yr members and we have a few years before any of our members reach that status. However, we have quite a few who have 25 years of ser-



vice. Our board decided that anyone with 25 years in, regardless of whether it was consecutive, should be recognized. Please reach out to Ann Caswell or me if you meet this criterion, so we can submit your name. Members will be recognized at the District Spring Conference.

Members who recommended two or more new members who joined in 2024 will also be recognized at the Spring Conference. While the membership team typically gets credit for this, the State wants to recognize individual member efforts, which is great. This is a team effort. Please let Ann Caswell know.

I hope to see you all at the holiday dinner so we can celebrate with each other. Until then, have a Happy and Safe Holiday!

*Janice*

**Pizza is a circle.  
Pizza is my life.  
Pizza is the circle  
of life.**

**—Ed Sheeran**

## First Vice President

**Jody Harris**

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are done with our major fundraising for now.

I want to thank everyone who so generously purchased the hoagies, Thanksgiving pies, and poinsettias to help raise funds for our club.

### **NEW! La Sicilia Pizza**

Mentioned at our November meeting, La Sicilia Pizza is doing a fundraiser with us on Thursday, December 19th from 4 to 8pm, giving us 20% of the funds collected during those hours. The patrons have to mention the Woman's Club of West Deptford when ordering. Please ask your family, friends, neighbors to order that evening. Several organizations in the community do this fundraiser and find it to be very successful. La Sicilia will allow us to do this one day a month on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We decided to give it a try and see how it goes. We also have another date selected in January.

en signs, chatted, and got to know each other. We also had snacks and adult beverages. At the end of the evening, I received a check for \$105 which I submitted to Sue Nelson at our November meeting. Thank you to all who attended.

### **Pie Sales**

As the club sold 36 pies, \$144.00 was added to our treasury. The pies have all been distributed and hopefully were a wonderful addition to everyone's Thanksgiving tables.

### **Poinsettia Sales**

This fundraiser has ended, and all that is left is for you to please make arrangements to pick-up your poinsettia(s) at Sue Nelson's home (12 Holly Drive) on Friday, December 13th, 4:30-6:30pm.

We sold forty-six (46) poinsettias in total, giving the club \$229.00

### **Other Fundraising**

If anyone has suggestions for fundraising, I am more than willing to talk with you. I have noticed that we are doing the same events as schools, churches, and other civic organizations in our area. I am looking for something that no one else in the area does. I am open to investigating any suggestions you might have.

### **Volunteer Hours**

I have everyone's third quarter hours at this time. I

am pleased to let you know that as a group we had a total of 1,616.5 hours. That is awesome! We are now almost done our fourth quarter hours (October-November-December). I will be asking for those hours as soon as you have them. I don't need to know how you accumulated them, just the total of hours. Keep a record yourself for your committee reports as they will be needed for end of year reporting.

Your fourth quarter hours began in October and will conclude in December. Changes have been made to hours. Meeting count as two (2) hours and meeting that includes a speaker add one (1) additional hour. If you attended the October meeting, you should be tracking three (3) hours, add in the hours you spent at the basket raffle, as well as any other meetings, events, etc., that you attended during the month of October. Following our meeting, you will have three (3) hours for November, and add any other activities, committee meetings, etc... that you attended. If you have trouble figuring your hours, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation/support with our fundraising endeavors. May I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with the love and joy of family and friends.

### **Sign Painting**

In November, we had a social fundraiser with Paint-A-Treasure. Seven (7) people attended this event. We painted wood-



## Second Vice President

Ann Caswell



### Secret Pal Reveal!

December is the month that we reveal ourselves to our Secret Pals after a year of fun and gifts! Everyone with a Secret Pal, don't forget to bring your gift, and this time, sign your name!

**2025 Secret Pals** will be selected soon. The form was emailed to everyone, and is also included in this newsletter (pg 11). If you want a secret pal, please make sure I have your form by the December meeting!

### Mentors

We had three visitors at our last meeting who were seated with a mentor. Two of those visitors would like to join our club. Many thanks to our members who graciously acted as mentors to our visitors: Linda Marple, Kim Van Zoeren-Czoch, Debbie Hinkle, April Maska, Dorothy Allen, and Vicki Campisi. I am looking forward to visitors at our next meeting at RiverWinds in February. More to come regarding membership.

## Holiday Dinner & Cookie Exchange

Jody Harris

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11,  
2024 at 6pm at Seven Star,  
1890 Hurffville Road, Sewell  
856-228-5166**

Your dinner selections will include:

- Soup of the day
- Cheese and Cinnamon Bread
- Garden Salad
- Dessert: Ice cream, Jello, or Pudding
- Cake (to be brought in)
- Bottomless Beverages
- Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased individually

### Choices of Entrees:

- Chicken Parmigiana
- Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, topped with au jus
- Broiled Tilapia with a lemon butter sauce
- Baked Virginia Ham, topped with pineapple sauce
- Roast Turkey Breast
- Mom's Lasagna made with both meatballs and sausage

ALL entrees are served with two sides. You DO NOT NEED to decide on your dinner entrée until that evening.

### The dinner is \$42.00 per person.

Please give your check made out to WCWD, cash, or you may use Zelle or Venmo to Sue Nelson TODAY! The restaurant wanted a final head count by the end of November.

### Cookie Exchange Is On!

We WILL BE doing a cookie exchange at our Holiday Dinner. Cookies should be packaged in Ziplock bags, and please include your recipe. Each participant should bring a bag/container to hold their treats AND something to hold the cookies you will be taking home

We had an overwhelming response of people who are interested in participating.

With that being said, I would like to suggest bags with three to four (3-4) cookies in each, as you will be making a total of twenty (20) bags. This includes an additional bag to be brought to our Police Station as a holiday treat. One of our "bakers" is no longer participating, so you did read that correctly.

### Dear friends,

Thank you all so very much for the lovely card and generous gift! I have been happy to host the Club at St. Paul's for the past 4 years, and I'm looking forward to arriving late and leaving early at RiverWinds! You are all the very best, and I'm so happy to be a part of our club! Thanks again!

Dee H.

Club Member Nancy Barna will be performing with Holy Angels Parish Choir in "**Lessons & Carols**" at St. Patrick's Church, 86 Cooper Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096 on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free. Please bring your family and friends. Refreshments will be served following the Carols. ALL ARE WELCOME.



**Christmas Carol Sing** at St. Paul's on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. Join us to hear special music from our members and sing all your favorite carols. Ice cream social following the singing. Everyone is invited!

## Special Club Project

Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey

Jeannette Wood

### Thank you! Thank you!

At our last club meeting \$60 was collected in the cardboard house box for the duffle bags going to homeless families enrolled in Family Promise. We also received three Vera Bradley bags from a club member who generously donated them.

I contacted the executive director, Victoria Osborn, to make sure the families are using these bags, and she said the families "love them." Families were also in need of wrap-

ping paper and tape for their children's holiday gifts.

I purchased eight duffle bags with the money and delivered the 11 bags to Family Promise's office in Mickleton.

Twelve rolls of gift wrap and 32 rolls of tape were also generously donated by club members and I delivered them with the bags.

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



**Sometimes I think opposable thumbs were invented so teenage girls could use text messaging.**  
—Diane Lane

## Girls' Career Institute

Clara Campbell

Our 2024 GCI is a wrap! A big thank you to everyone for making this another successful year. We started with the generosity of our club members and a new corporate sponsor! We completed the year by welcoming two of our five GCI graduates to our October meeting. Thank you for your support financially and

through your generous donations of snacks and decorations. Your support means the world to us!

GCI 2025 here we come! Our date to interview the new candidates is set for December. On the state level, new forms are being updated and will soon be on the NJSFWC

website. Our Director, Ellen, is working to get everything in order for a smooth 2025 session! On a club level the committee is working to update our timeline to coincide with the new changes on a state level. It really does take a village, and we are blessed to be part of this one!

## Arts and Culture

Ann Caswell

Just a reminder: Holiday card making is scheduled Thursday December 5th at 3:30pm. Denise Hosier will be graciously hosting the activity at her home. 122 Sandpiper Lane, Riverwinds. Please bring

your scissors and any glue or tape runner that you like to use. If you are interested, please email Ann Caswell TODAY! ([annaricocaswell@gmail.com](mailto:annaricocaswell@gmail.com))



# Advocates for Children

Karen Hink

## Elementary School Holiday Shops 🎁👤 **Volunteers Needed!**

Holiday shop is coming up at all three elementary schools in December. So far, WDWC has filled 14 volunteer spots!

Volunteers help students shop and select gifts for special people in their lives!

If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please check out the links below:

- Red Bank - <https://bit.ly/WDRBHoliday24>
- Green-Fields - <https://bit.ly/GFHoliday24>
- Oakview - <https://bit.ly/OVHoliday24>

## Day of Service January 20th

Advocates for Children will be organizing and collecting items for January Day of Service. We will be supporting the Center for Family Services Organization. Our January meeting is via Zoom, so if you would like to participate, I can pick up from you, or you can drop off to me anytime before January 20th.

## We Will Be Collecting Newborn and Baby Essentials

Brand new, high-need newborns and baby items, to assist parents engaged in programs that are designed to prepare new and expectant parents by teaching them new skills and supplying items whenever possible. Suggested new items include:

- Diapers of all sizes
- Baby wipes
- Formula
- Bottles and bottle cleaners
- Burp cloths
- Teething rings
- Onesies
- New pajamas
- Educational & developmental toys
- Care packages for moms
- New board books (Spanish language or bilingual a plus) for newborns, toddlers, and pre-school age children.

# Special State Project: NJCA

New Jersey Children's Alliance

Denise Pitchford



Our Guest Speaker at the November meeting was Debbie M. Riveros, Executive Director of the New Jersey Children's Alliance. The Alliance trains detectives, nurses, doctors and the community on child abuse. They also train school and utility companies who go into homes to recognize child abuse.

The Alliance provides children with resources to help stop child to child abuse. Programs are brought to communities and indirectly to families. Donations go to a Hero's Fund to help children and families with funds to move away from abuse, including gift cards to Uber, Lift and stores. The Hero's Fund provides funds for emergency cases.

Our Club's donations and backpacks really help the Gloucester County division. The statewide project will help families throughout the state. Money collected from the Woman's Clubs across the state go to the Hero's Fund and that will go to families for emergency needs in all 21 counties.



## Federation News

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

The **District Day of Service** is on January 20th at the Haddon Fortnightly. The Advocates for Children Team is reaching out with further information on how you can help (pg. 5).

A **Leadership/Membership Workshop** is being held at NJSFWC Headquarters on January 25th. If interested reserve your spot with [chambers@](mailto:chambers@njsfwc.org)

[njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) or call 201-265-6282.

Jody Harris received **recognition** for her book review in this month's Almanac. If you haven't seen it, go to NJSFWC under materials. It is on page 11. Congratulations, Jody!

The State GCI committee put together a **wish list** of materi-

als for the June sessions. See Clara Campbell for what you can bring and when.

At our February in-person meeting, please bring \$5 to be recognized as a **"Friend of Convention."** Our Denise Hosier is putting together the Convention book again this year for the NJSFWC.

## Parliamentarian

Cheryl Fairchild



### Garden District January Council

Mark your calendars for the Garden District Council meeting which will be held on January 16th at the Porch Club of Riverton. This is a daytime meeting and details will be forthcoming.

## Special State Project 2022-2024

Emmanuel Cancer Foundation

Debbie Hinkle

Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds.

—Former President  
Bill Clinton



Emmanuel Cancer Foundation remains a special club project of the GFWC WC of West Deptford.



We collected holiday gifts for the children's "shop" so they could select gifts for their parents and family members, and worked in the shop to help the kids choose. We also wrapped gifts for ECF's Christmas party for children with cancer and their families.



What a wonderful project for a fantastic organization!

# Socially Speaking

Jody Harris

Please read through the list of offerings and be sure to RSVP for the events that you wish to attend. Please check dates, times, and keep in mind the RSVP dates where noted. Any questions, reach out to a member of the social committee. If you have suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6-9pm;  
SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 3-8pm;  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 4-7pm:  
Free Candlelight Tours of  
Whitall House**

Red Bank Battlefield Park, Rain or Shine.

This is not a club event, but it would be nice to gather some friends and make your personal reservations. For more information or to make a reservation call 856-224-8045. "Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas during the birth of our nation."

**FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, & SUNDAYS: DECEMBER 13-22, various times: Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn" at the Broadway Theatre of Pitman**

I am putting out the information to all who may be interested.

## Take a Peek Into 2025...



Your committee has been working on planning events for next year. Below are some of the activities to get us up and running through February.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025: 10am, Pop-Up Brunch at Panera Bread**

This event is scheduled as pop-up due to the time of year. If the weather is good, and you are available, we'd love to have you join the social committee for a brunch. As always you are responsible for your own meal. If necessary, we will try to push as many tables together as needed to meet our needs. Hope to see you there.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, 7pm: Zoom Book Club**

We will be discussing Happiness Falls by Angie Kim. *Please RSVP by 2/2/25 to Jody to receive a Zoom invite.*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, Following the meeting: Galantine's Day Pollyanna**

"A day for women to celebrate their friendships with their lady friends."

In honor of Galantines' Day, your social committee decided that this year we will do a Galantines' Day Pollyanna. If you wish to participate, we ask that you bring in a small wrapped gift (\$5-\$10 max). All the gifts will be placed on a designated table and as you put down a gift you will be given a number. When we get to the



designated time, we will pick our gifts based on the order of numbers. Everyone who brings a gift will go home with a gift.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025: 10am: National Pancake Day – Breakfast at Piston Diner**

Ordering from the breakfast menu with separate checks is welcomed. As always, I will put out a notice of who is attending a few days earlier so carpool arrangements can be made. Each attendee will be responsible for purchasing her own breakfast. Check out their website/Facebook for menu options.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025, 7pm: POP-UP Dessert Night at Seven Star**

We couldn't think of a more perfect way to spend an evening with friends than to enjoy a dessert and a cup of tea, coffee, hot cocoa ... and relax for a little bit. Again, if the weather is good and you are available, we'd love to have you join in. As always you are responsible for your own evening snack.

*The Social Committee, Kat, Linda C., Cynthia H-B., and I, would like to wish you the Happiest of Hanukkahs, the Merriest of Christmases, Kindest of Kwanzas, the best the holiday season has to offer to each of you. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating at our Holiday Dinner.*

# Domestic Violence Awareness

Nancy Barna

## The Connection Between Domestic Violence and the Holidays

The holidays are a wonderful time of year. It is a time for families to share important time together, sitting around the tree, sharing gifts and a special meal together. Those times bring such happy memories to most. Then there is the shopping, cooking, baking, and bills which can really put a lot of stress on a person. Most of us have ways of coping with those emotions. Unfortunately, for some, holidays can bring sadness, hopelessness, and even dread due to the increase in domestic violence.

Why does domestic violence increase during the holiday season? Many factors come into play to create "the perfect storm" when determining why, including:

\*Substance and alcohol abusers are given a license to indulge during the holiday season. The party atmosphere can trigger relapses in even those who are deemed to be recovered/recovering. In fact, substance use immediately precedes 47% of domestic

assaults, and 92% of abusers had used substances at some point during the day of the assault.

\*Time at home – working from home during lockdowns has forced many abusive partners to spend more time together. The holiday season also sees offices shutting down and people spending more time at home. This not only forces couples together, but removes some victims' opportunity to get out of the home and seek help.

## Holiday Stresses

Some households face increased stresses over the holiday period, including the financial strain of holiday shopping and expenses, the pressure of being around family, and the aforementioned increased alcohol or substance consumption.

Putting on a 'happy face' – as the holiday period is supposed to be a happy time, many victims feel pressured to maintain this image no matter what is going on at home. Many victims of domestic abuse feel ashamed of their abuse, and this is heightened during what

is supposed to be a time of relaxation and celebration. For this reason, many victims choose not to seek help during the holiday period in order to 'keep up appearances.'

How can I help to stop domestic abuse? Helping to stop domestic abuse is an issue where communities need to work together. For any number of reasons, victims don't always come forward to seek help themselves. Communities should keep an eye out for possible signs of domestic abuse that may include:

- Hypersensitivity
- Verbal abuse
- Controlling behavior
- Unrealistic expectations
- Isolation
- Blaming
- Threats of violence
- Use of force

If you, or anyone you know is suffering domestic abuse, or if you suspect that someone you know may need help, then please **contact Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV) at-866-295-SERV (7378).**

Crime doesn't take a holiday. It changes costume for the season, and Christmas is the season for domestic violence.

—Peter Kirby





# History Spotlight

Linda Jones

Did you know? New Jersey Clubs are celebrating November 16, 1894 - November, 2024 as 130 years MAKING A DIFFERENCE in our state with the beginning of the NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The NJSFWC proudly celebrates year 130 as we continue our history of community service and volunteerism. With 6,000 members in 165 clubs throughout New Jersey, we take pride in the memberships, accomplishments, and spirit of each Women's Club.

Back in the day, the original meeting of about 150 women took place as women traveled to Union Hall in Orange, New Jersey. Travel to North Jersey back then was by carriage, trolley, or train. These pioneers met at 10:00 a.m. on a cold November morning. A majority of the ladies were from the north but many also traveled from Haddonfield, Merchantville, Salem, Bridgeton, and Vineland.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the NJSFWC officially began with officers and nine elected club representatives. Margaret B. Yardley of Orange, NJ was elected president. A constitution for the organization was prepared. The Woman's Club of Orange takes pride in being the oldest club in N.J. In the home of Mrs. Yardley on December 4, 1894, a badge designed after the state coat of arms was submitted. At the third meeting in February 1895, a shield with a plough, rising sun, the word Unity, and letters NJSF was voted on and accepted as the official badge.



Continuing today, strong women leaders and their club members support Douglass Residential College which was founded in 1918 to support and train women through scholarships. Years later, the NJSFWC HEADQUARTERS building in New Brunswick was purchased in 1964 to provide opportunities for education, leadership, training, and community service through our local clubs.

Our NJ State Federation is proud to vote for a Special State Project every two years. Public campaigns and

projects use fundraising and in-kind donations of cash and services to support special areas such as Community Food Banks and currently The New Jersey Children's Alliance throughout our state.

Hats off to celebrating 130 eventful years of Women's Clubs' history in New Jersey while MAKING A DIFFERENCE in our local communities!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season of Thanksgiving through Christmas time with their families, friends, and club sisters as we are

grateful for all that we have and can give back to our community.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## Community Impact Program

Carol Dechen

Our Community Impact Project is starting to take shape.

In case you were unaware, our project involves going into the schools and reading or doing a craft with the kids. Currently we are thinking twice a month for just a couple hours each time.

We have 18 volunteers that are having criminal background checks and fingerprinting completed and an interview with Dr. Brian Gismond. All of those initial steps will take some time to complete, especially with the holiday so we

anticipate that we can get started sometime after the first of the year.

Stay tuned, should be lots of fun.

Your CIP Committee,  
Carol Dechen & Sandy Mastrangelo



## Health and Wellness

Carol Dechen

### Let's Get Moving

We have had some good input for exercise the last several months, so it is a great start to our State Project to get healthy. Let's keep it going. Please remember to send Karen H. your exercise numbers.

- Sept 412 hours
- Oct 439 hours
- Nov ??

Remember every month, first Tuesday of the month we will be stepping out somewhere together. Mark it on your calendar so it's the first thing you see and think about. We plan to walk different parks each month. In the winter, I thought we could go inside and walk the mall. I will find out what time it opens because it will be much easier before the crowds. Otherwise our walks outside are 10am.

Stay tuned and get involved. It's fun and gets the heart pumping and the blood flowing to all parts of the body.

### Walking club photo



### Food and clothing donations

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

- 601 lbs
- 29 hours
- \$240

### Note from the Dream Center

Thanks from the SJ Dream Center to everyone who donated food this month. Our total was 90 lbs of food!

### First spin class since Total Knee Surgery x2



The Dream Center also needs cloth & recyclable bags to distribute food to people.

Food can be given to Cynthia, Peg S., & Pixie

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

—Albert Pine

## Civic Engagement & Outreach

Linda Clark

### Wreaths of Remembrance

For December our project is **Wreaths of Remembrance**. Join the effort to lay 3900 wreaths at the Gloucester

County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Please purchase a wreath with a ribbon for \$11 each. Wreaths can be purchased by mailing a check to:

People for People-Wreaths  
PO Box 256, Mullica Hill, NJ  
08062

Or online: [www.pfpfoundation.org](http://www.pfpfoundation.org) or <https://givebutter.com/ix8QnM>

They are also looking for volunteers to lay the wreaths on December 7. If you donate either wreaths and/or time please let Linda C. know.

### Day of Service

Our NJSFWC Day of Service will be Monday, January 20, 2025, and our District will bring donations to the Haddon Fortnightly. This year the entire state is supporting the Center for Family Services.

This year this project is being organized by the Advocates for Children Committee because we are collecting items for children and babies. See their article for details.





## Secret Pal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Do you have a ring doorbell)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Directions \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Foods \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Scent \_\_\_\_\_

Things I collect \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Music \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Books \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Movies \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Things not to give me (don't like-allergic) \_\_\_\_\_

Gift suggestions \_\_\_\_\_



## GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford

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*Spiced with Friendship and Fun*

### UPCOMING

**December 4: GFWC Open House**  
**Dec. 6,7,8 Whitall House Tours**  
**December 11: Dinner Meeting**  
**(NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY!)**  
**Jan. 14: Regular Meeting ZOOM!**  
**Jan. 15: Brunch at Panera Bread**  
**January 20: Day of Service**  
**February 5: Zoom Book Club**  
**February 11: Regular Meeting & Galentine's Celebration**  
**February 13: National Pancake Day Brunch at Pistons**  
**February 27: Pop-up Dessert Night at Seven Star**

Website: [wdwomen.com](http://wdwomen.com)

Facebook:

[womansclubofwestdeptford](https://www.facebook.com/womansclubofwestdeptford)

Instagram: [wcofwestdeptford](https://www.instagram.com/wcofwestdeptford)

### Committee Collection Schedule

- ◆ **Every month**—Food pantries
- ◆ **Special State Project** — Priority
- ◆ **November and December:** Civic Engagement Wreaths of Remembrance. Please let Linda C. know if you make a donation.
- ◆ **January:** Family Promise, Advocates for Children
- ◆ **February:** Health and Wellness, Domestic Violence
- ◆ **March:** Advocates for Children
- ◆ **April:** Family Promise, Domestic Violence
- ◆ **May:** Education/GCI, Health and Wellness/GWCM
- ◆ **June:** Family Promise
- ◆ **September:** Civic Engagement/Outrea
- ◆ **October:** Domestic Violence, Advocates for Children

## Dear Secret Pal

Dear Secret Pal,  
Thank you for the beautiful fall wine glasses. They are absolutely beautiful and they pair so well with the bottle of Cabernet and chocolate candy! I can't wait to see who has spoiled me all year long! —Ty, Carol Frisby

Dear Secret Pal,  
Thank you for the absolutely adorable gnome salt and pepper shakers and matching pot holder. They are adorning my kitchen just in time for this special holiday. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanks-giving and make some beautiful memories. —Warmly, April

Dear Secret Pal,  
I am excited about the big reveal this month. You gave me such awesome gifts this year and I thank you for your generosity. I hope to see you at our Holiday Party so I can thank you in person! —Love, Janice

Dear Secret Pal,  
Thank you so much for the adorable fall gnomes. They looked great on my shelf. I can't wait to find out who you are! —Cheryl

My Dear Secret Pal,  
I honestly cannot wait to find out who you are! You have been so generous and giving this entire year. The beautiful Vera Bradley crossbody I took with me to Florida! That was perfect! I absolutely love the Vera Bradley insulated mug! Thanks for the turkey fun gifts, too!!! You have been the best! —Love, Lisa



Thanks from the SJ Dream Center to everyone who donated food this month. Our total was 90 lbs of food! The Dream Center also needs cloth & recyclable bags to distribute food to people. Food can be given to Cynthia, Peg S. & Pixie.



## Basket Raffle

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