



Tidbits

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GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford

Next Meeting
Tues. June 10
6:00 p.m. Filomena
Cucina Italiana
1380 Blackwood
Clementon Rd.
Gloucester Twp.

Refreshments
None this month!

Summer Birthdays

6/7 Carmel F.
6/14 Sue D.
6/14 Elen S.
6/21 Joan B.
7/7 Susan W.
7/10 Rhonda B.
7/24 Patty W.
8/13 Robin E.
8/16 Carol S.



GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford

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President's Message

Janice Morrison

There is still a lot to learn, and there is always great stuff out there. Even mistakes can be wonderful. ~Robin Williams

It's a wrap!

Our club finished the year strong and in May gained 7 new members. That is incredible and a testament to all that we do in service of our community. Our ladies are out there and visible in the community. We are in schools helping teachers, we have helped to clean up on Earth Day two years running. We are at West Deptford Day in September, and we will be going to the West Deptford Farmers Market during the summer.

Behind the scenes, we collect food and clothing, we give money for scholarships, and we send girls for a college experience through GCI and HOBY. We support the K-9 unit and fire company, as well as our community library. When I look at all we do, I am immensely proud.

Summer Projects

Though we do not meet in July and August, collections will be going on during the summer, so look at your emails for how you can participate.

Upcoming for Fall

We always start off the fall with a big bang. There will be a



hoagie lunch sale, and of course, our basket raffle. The basket raffle is our biggest event, and we hope all will participate. It is our main source of donations for all the charities we support.

Important!

Mark your calendar for the September 9th general business meeting at the River-Winds Community Center. We have a great lineup of speakers coming. Please don't forget to register for the **Know & Tell Free educational seminar on June 17th from 10 am to 1 pm**. I am looking forward to it, and I think all of us can learn something great from this.

Thank you all again and again for your service. Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the End-of-Year dinner.

With great love and respect,

Janice



NJSFWC CONVENTION took place May 5-7, and a fabulous group of members attended. We won several awards and had a great time!

First Vice President

Jody Harris

Thank you to everyone for all of your fundraising support this year.

I have some tentative plans for our upcoming fall fundraisers. I hope you will once again come out and support us in our efforts. Whatever funds we can bring in goes a long way to help our club to continue serving our community at large.

Fundraisers

Our first fundraiser will once again be our largest internal fundraiser, our **Fall Hoagie Lunch Packages**. It will include a hoagie made by Stella-to, along with a 10 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-pack cookies. I will also be asking for volunteers to fill several positions the day of the hoagie sale pick-up, which will be **the weekend of September 27/28, 2025 TBD**. More information and specifics will be coming your way in mid-to-late August. Sue Nelson will once again be assisting me with this project.

La Sicilia

We have three dates booked for fundraisers. The first is

December 17, 2025. More information to follow as the dates get closer. Looking forward to your assistance in promoting these evenings.

Volunteer Hours

I am ready to accept your volunteer hours for April, May, and June so they can be recorded in our log. Again, I do not need a breakdown as to how you collected them, just your name and your number of volunteered hours. You are welcome to send these to me at your earliest, as I'd like to be able to close this out sooner rather than later.

Guest Speakers/Programs

If you would like to suggest a speaker, please reach out with their name and why you feel they would be someone the club could benefit from listening to. I also need their contact information, and a brief biography to be used as an introduction. In turn, I will send out a confirmation with the month that the speaker has been scheduled, to both the speaker and the member that suggested them. To date, so far Carol D. and Ann C. are the only people who have suggested a speaker. I also have locked in to a speaker for next May. I am currently scheduling into 2026. I have openings in both March and April of 2026. Please keep in mind, I still need to confirm the speakers, so if you have suggestions, please reach out to me.

This is the tentative listing of speakers to date:

- September: Rich Repas - NJEMT from Glou. County EMS - First Aid Presentation

- October: Girl's Career Institute (GCI)
- November: Senior Scams
- December: Holiday Dinner - No speaker
- January - Zoom Mtg. - No Speaker
- February - Blood Pressure Screening w/ nurse to discuss Woman's Health
- March -
- April -
- May - David Harris - Senior Health and Fitness Month
- June - End of Year Installation Dinner - No speaker

End-of-Year Fundraising Report

We have concluded our 2024-25 club year with a total of \$1,342.43. This DOES NOT include the Basket Raffle profit OR the April/May La Scilia Night. I will update Tidbits as soon as I have final information. With internal fundraisers at the time of this printing, we made:

- \$574.00 September Hoagie Sales: 82 Hoagie lunches were sold
- \$105.00 November Paint & Sip Night
- \$144.00 Thanksgiving Pie Sale: 36 pies were sold
- \$229.00 December Poinsettia Sale: 46 were sold
- \$290.43 December/January La Sicilia Nights
- \$ TBD. April/May La Scilia Nights

Thank you for your continued cooperation/support. If you have any ideas for our internal fundraising, or speakers, please reach out to me.

—Jody

It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.

—Mark Twain



2nd Vice President/Membership

Ann Caswell

The annual Orientation Program was held May 20th at St Paul's Church. We had 22 attendees and a full table of new members!

Welcome new members: Susan Combs, Susan Adomanis, Sharon McCool, Rhonda Browning, and Carmel Ferrandino! We are so glad to have all of you! Kim Fey Spires attended and is planning to join in September.

Eleanor Kelly, the Membership Chair for the Garden District, was in attendance and gave us some of her words of wisdom.

I want to give a shout out to those who assisted with the presentation:

Janice Morrison, Jody Harris, Cheryl Fairchild, Debbie Hinkle (Debbie stepped up at the last minute and did a great job). Sharon Bowen, Pixie O'Hara, and Jan Anastasi provided delicious refreshments. Time was provided after the presentation for mingling with the seasoned and new members.

Some of our new members will be installed at the End-of-Year Dinner.

Thank you to all of you, and special shout out to our seasoned Mentors



for helping me have a successful year as 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair.

GFWC Day of Service

Janice Morrison

The General Federation of Women's Clubs' (GFWC's) next Day of Service is September 27, 2025. This year, it focuses on Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.



I have assembled a small team to coordinate with our local hospitals and shelters to determine their specific needs. The team members are Linda Marple, Nancy Barna, Sue Nelson, and I. As I have conveyed to

many of you, this topic is meaningful to me because I see women as central to ensuring that women and children are safe, well cared for, and able to live life to the fullest.

Of course, domestic violence manifests in many ways. There is physical abuse, financial abuse, and psychological abuse. There are crimes against men, women, and children.

An entire society can be affected, since many never realize their full potential in life because they have suffered at the hands of another.

Once we determine the need, we will put out a list of items to be collected over the summer.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

—Janice

June Dinner Meeting

Jody Harris

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025
6:00pm
Filomena Cucina Italiana
Restaurant & Bar
1380 Blackwood Clementon
Rd., Gloucester Twp.**

Final Count and all monies have been collected at this time. If you have not signed up and are interested, we would be happy to put you on a waiting list should an opening occur. Thank you!



Linda & Bill J. are proud of junior MIT grandson Jake Cobb for his \$5,000 signing fee and significant pay to work for a Boston company researching various vaccines as his summer job. Congrats, Jake!

Memorial Day Parade

April Maska

Dear Club Sisters,

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. I certainly did. Most importantly, several members of the WCWD were able to represent the club and march in the WD Township Memorial Day Parade. We had so many

compliments, praise and shouts of pride from the residents from both West Deptford and National Park. I can't tell you how proud I am to show our commitment to our Township and represent our amazing club. I understand that we were the only all-woman civic organization in the parade.

A big shout out to the following members who were able to march or ride in our wagon. Thank you Jody H., Janice M., Denise P., Debbie H., Linda M., Chris T., Sharon B., Patty W., Ann C., Peg S., Carol D., Ellen S., Agnes K., Nancy B., Nancy D., and Karen B. These ladies were amazing!!! Thank you to Sue N. who picked up 6 huge bags of candy and

to Nancy D. who donated an extra bag of candies. We were able to get to the end of the parade with candies for the children. Also an extra shout out to Carol D. who procured our wonderful driver of the truck, Jay, and to the Grasso Girls who provided the wagon so all members could be part of this very important civic opportunity.

Also, thank you to Jody H. and her husband David for the impromptu bbq at their house after the parade for those of us (and significant others) who attended the parade and could make it. We were very hungry and thirsty after our active morning.

The pictures are only a sampling of the many that were taken by the crowds, family, and members!!!

I already have more ideas for bigger and better next year. ☺

Woman's Club of West Deptford rocks!!!!!! Thank you all!!!!



Family Promise

Jeannette Wood

Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey

Collecting Bags!

We continue to help homeless children by providing duffle bags. June is one of the months for this special project to collect bags for the children. **These bags can be gym bags or school bookbags.**

Homeless families come to Family Promise in crisis, and there they get help to rebuild their lives with new skills and gain support to become independent again.

Let's continue to help by donating duffle bags for the Family Promise of South-

west New Jersey by purchasing a bag and bringing it to our dinner meeting or donating money toward a bag.

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

Community Impact Program

"Helping Hands~Happy Hearts"

Carol Dechen
Sandy Mastrangelo



These pictures say it all for our Pilot Project this year. All the ladies who volunteered enjoyed their time in the classroom. It has been a very rewarding project.

Girls' Career Institute

Clara Campbell

It is that time of year! I'm writing this on May 30th and that means tomorrow morning I will be loading my car and heading to Douglass Campus, Rutgers, New Brunswick.

This year I will be joined by two club members, Kim VanZooeren-Czoch and Joan Baur. Kim & Joan will be joining me for the morning to help set up the Honeybee wing of Katzenbach Dorm, which is no easy task! We will be decorating the hallway, putting together a large bulletin board, decorating our common room (the only room on the wing with air conditioning!) and getting me moved into my room.

Thanks to Joann Keefe, each of the 22 Honeybees will be receiving a crocheted honeybee key ring. They are adorable!

Once again Sandy Mastrangelo was invaluable. The amount of time that goes into letters to the Delegates, Alternates, Parents, District Coordinator, and Director makes my head spin! Sandy

has been working alongside me almost as long as I have been involved with the program.

Together, the committee is a well-run machine! Thank you to each club member who has donated supplies, snacks and money. Your contributions are needed and appreciated! It really does take a village or in this case, the women of WCWD. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you do!



GWCM Update

Joan Baur

Thank you

for the generous donations at the May meeting. The monetary donations (\$175 cash and \$40 in gift cards) will be used to purchase backpacks and other supplies. Forty-four items and lots of pencils were also donated.



If you missed the opportunity to donate for this project, I will be collecting school supplies through mid-July. Needed items: backpacks, spiral notebooks, composition books, colored pencils, glue sticks, pens (blue or black ink), pocket folders.

The backpacks will be filled during the last week of July and distributed in early August at the main food pantry.

History Spotlight

Linda Jones



State Headquarters Anniversary

In the beginning, 1894 to 1900, the NJSFWC was "homeless" as they met in various members' homes.

The federation grew larger year after year, necessitating the requirement for storage and materials by renting a room in Newark, NJ. For forty years the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Building became the Federation's "home."

In 1959 Rutgers University, which owned the Y.W.C.A., needed the room to add another classroom on campus. Federation moved to the Griffith Building in Newark. Time moved on when in 1964 Levenia Taylor became President of the NJSFWC and announced that her primary project would be a permanent Headquarters.

A committee was appointed who would work on three areas: a fund for the new building, proceeds from Strawberry and Clothier Day 1964, and raising funds through saving and redeeming trading stamps. The stamp project was fun! Back then, each of the

44,000 members was asked to contribute one filled book of trading stamps or give \$2.00 in cash. Two acres of land adjacent to Douglas College was agreed upon as the New Brunswick site, with a long-term lease of land on the Douglass College Campus. On May 12, 1965 convention delegates ratified the building of Headquarters and the lease was officially signed.

The lease was for 50 years with a renewal clause and annual rental of \$880. The actual final cost to build the colonial brick style building was \$145,000 with \$53,000 provided in 1965 from the Trading Stamps. On May 1, 1966 the Headquarters building was formally dedicated. By this time \$134,228.46 had been raised for the Headquarters Fund. Collecting "trading stamps" (green stamps) proved to be quite a valuable project!

The history of "green stamps" began in 1896 with the Thomas Sperry and Shelley Hutchinson Company. Stores would distribute stamps to customers with purchases as a program for loyal customers. Popularity became widespread and peaked during the 1960s and 1970s. Participating stores gave customers stamps to adhere into a stamp saver booklet. These S & H green stamp booklets could be redeemed for merchandise from a catalog or at redemption centers. During the 1960s and 1970s the company is-

sued more stamps than the U.S. Postal Services and 35 million catalogs were distributed each year. Customers received stamps at supermarket checkout counters, department stores, gasoline stations, and many other retailers. Bonuses to shoppers proved to be a great way to use this as a fundraiser for our club ladies in the State of New Jersey!

Eventually the NJSFWC established the 1894 Society to ensure funds for the land rent for our Headquarters in New Brunswick. Each year clubs and individual members contribute to this cause. So our state headquarters has an interesting history of the trials and tribulations of procuring a permanent Headquarters for our NJSFWC. It has been interesting to investigate and learn many more details about the Headquarters history, which would tend to be too long for publication in our Tidbits newsletter.



I am most honored to receive the N.J. State Third Place Award for best all-around work in the department of Woman's History & Resource out of about two hundred clubs. It has been my pleasure to report on the history of our GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford!

Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.

—Gillian Anderson

Federation News

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

A huge thank you to Barbara McCloskey and Mary Schneider for attending our May Club Meeting and providing us with much information!

NJSFWC Headquarters Picnic
June 22, 2025 has been cancelled.

June Garden District Council Meeting
Sign up to attend on June 19, 6 p.m. at Marlton Women's Club. Contact Cynthia.

Know and Tell Workshop
June 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Riverwinds. Contact Denise Pitchford.

September Garden District Council Meeting
September 18, hosted by West Deptford Woman's Club at St. Paul's. Mark your calendar!

State Fall Conference
October 20 at the Lobster Shanty. See Cheryl to sign up.



Socially Speaking

Jody Harris

Please read through the list of offerings 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.

As our club year is wrapping up, so are our activities.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 10am: Falcon Diner – Last breakfast for the current club year

RSVP by May 23rd to Jody if you would like to attend.

Everyone had a wonderful time at brunch when we met there, so we decided to try it for breakfast. Ordering from the menu with separate checks. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing her own meal.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025, 6:45pm: Phillies Game
Final payment has been made. We sold seventy-two (72) tickets!!

We are all set to go and root on our Phillies.

WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025 Zoom Book Club
Disclaimer by Renee Knight. *RSVP by July 7th to receive a Zoom invite.*

MID AUGUST – Welcome Back Happy Hour, Date & Location TBD

More information to follow. Watch your email.

WEDNESDAY, September 10 Zoom Book Club – TBD
RSVP by September 7th to receive a Zoom invite.

Special Thanks

Once again, I'd like to thank my committee. Without all of you, we would never be able to provide all of the social events that we offer. It has been an honor to work with Kat, Linda C., and Cynthia H-B. The social committee would not be the same without their contributions, hard work, and dedication.

We wish all of you a wonderful summer, filled with rest and relaxation. We look forward to seeing you in the late summer, early fall, when we get back into the season with activities to look forward to. As always, if you have any suggestions please reach out to me, and I will, with the assistance of my committee, look into them.

Until then, Jody, Kat, Linda C., and Cynthia



CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON at La Tentacion. Our group had a great time and enjoyed delicious Mexican food!

Basket Raffle

April Maska

Dear Club Sisters,

We are online and ready to go! Start preparing your raffle baskets and sell those tickets!

We had a great Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 28th and got so much accomplished. All jobs have been filled and we have had so many ladies continue to volunteer where needed. Don't worry...we will have a job for you. ☺

Sue N. has already sent out the updated information for ticket sales, donations, volunteer sheet and more. She has made sure that you have everything you need as we prepare for our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Also...a big shout out to the six ladies who donated \$50 each to our Mystery Bag raffle... thank you Nancy D., Barb O.,

Karen H., Chris T., Cynthia HB. and Jan A. What an absolutely great group of ladies we have in the Woman's Club of West Deptford!

Please feel free to reach out to Sue N. or myself with any questions you may have as we move forward. Thank you all for your help and dedication!

—April and Sue

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.

—Dan Lipinski

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

Stockings for Soldiers

The donation list will be coming out after the June 17th District meeting. We will be sending out a list of items to everyone as soon as we receive it.

We will do fewer stockings this year, just 24, so we will need fewer of each of the items to stuff them. Isabella Cooper will be collecting items at her house.

Amazon Prime Days are a great time to order materials! We will also take cash

donations from members to help pay for the stockings and any items we need for stuffing them. Be sure to be careful of tariffs when ordering!

I'm excited that we will be doing this project.

Summer Farmer's Market

A signup sheet for the summer Farmer's Market at RiverWinds will be circulated at the EOY dinner. Janice mentioned this in her article.

Cynthia



SOUTH JERSEY DREAM CENTER: Cynthia brought over jam & jelly & two bags from Pixie's friends plus bags from Karen Brown. These ladies are volunteers at the Dream Center.

Arts and Culture

Ann Caswell



We will be meeting during the summer to plan for our fall group project. We will be losing a member in the coming year, so if you are interested in arts and crafts, reach out to Ann

Caswell. Suggestions are always welcome. Have a wonderful summer!

Committee: Ann C., Susan D., Sharon H., Bonnie D., Margaret O.

Health and Wellness

Carol Dechen

Let's Get Moving

Oh yea! Finally seeing the sun now and feeling some nice warm weather days. Feels so good to get outside. Summer is upon us so now the time to get outside and get moving: Biking, gardening, walking, so many chances to get outside and get some Vitamin D. I really think more people are doing the exercise, they are just not recording the value of it. It's really kind of easy to add a note on your calendar: gardening 20 min, walking around the block 30 min. It starts to add up and you won't realize how much you really have done. Chair exercises count for those less mobile. I

would love to see 10 more of you lovely ladies join in on the fun. Still gotta move it! :)

For the month of May, we had 21 members participate in our monthly "Let's Get Moving" challenge with 458 hours, which is our best to date.

We would love to see more people get involved. Remember, first Tuesday of the month we are walking somewhere. July and August will be virtual. Wherever you are on July 8th, walk and let us know that you walked. Take a photo!! We usually have 3-4 walkers each month and would love to see some more join us. Any questions, reach out.



Purses

We had an overabundance of purses to stuff and not nearly enough supplies. Lessons learned on that one. The purses collected were all shapes and sizes, small, medium and large. Some were in almost new condition, so thank you to all the ladies who participated in our project. We were able to distribute purses to Seeds of Hope, Saving Grace and Jeanette's Closet. We are thankful for all the volunteers and those who donated to our cause.



FIRST PLACE NEWSLETTER in the State! Denise H. displays the award. We also won third place for Special State Project & Women's History.

A SPECIAL GIFT from NJSFWC President Barbara McCloskey was presented to our club at the May meeting. It is "A Century of Challenge," the story of the first 100 years of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC.



LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE!

We have only a few of our special donor cards left, and they are on sale! You can purchase five cards for the bargain price of just \$10. See Lisa H.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Linda Marple

June is **Pride Month**. A moment to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall riots and promote equal rights and opportunities for all lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. We hope as we grow, we can become more tolerant of those who believe differently from us and live their lives differently.



The DV Committee would like to thank our membership for their generous support of our three collections this year. We collected a cash total of \$362 plus several WAWA gift cards. Recently I received a \$20 gift card to Target.

We purchased three \$95 Visa Cards for SERV and an additional ten WAWA gift cards. These cards allow women who come to the safe house to purchase necessary clothing and other essentials that were left at home. The WAWA card allow for the purchase of snacks and other small items

needed. In addition to the cash and card donations, we received many, many toiletries and items for the residents of the Safe House.

If you are one of the generous donors, please let Linda M. know approximately how much cash you donated and how much in-kind donations (clothing, toothbrushes, etc.) you purchased. Also the number of hours you spent shopping or collecting items for donation. We need this information for our end-of-the-year report. Thank you.

Special State Project

Denise Pitchford

New Jersey Children's Alliance

Know and Tell

Please support our Know & Tell Event, which is a training program for adults on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse. Expert trainers will provide an interactive and dynamic workshop on how to create a safe community where all adults help promote child safety and understand their role as a mandated reporter of child abuse.

Please mark your calendars:

June 17th
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
RiverWinds Community Center

You will need to register for this event. A flyer is attached

to this newsletter with all pertinent information. We also ask you to support us and come out for this training and to publicize it to your family and friends.

Thank You!

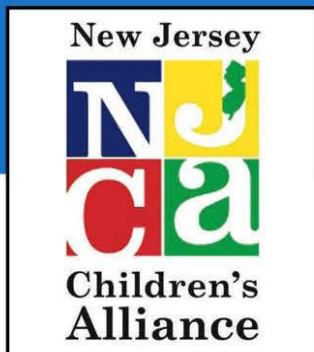
THANK YOU to everyone that donated to our baskets

to benefit Special State Project at the Lobster Shanty Luncheon! Thanks to your generosity, we have two large baskets!

SSP Committee: Denise P., Karen H., Jeannette W., Pixie O., & Debbie H.



Reporting child abuse is all of our responsibility.
—knowandtell.org website



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Woman's Club of West Deptford

KNOW & TELL™ Training Course

**What are the signs
of a child
in distress?**



Know & Tell is a **FREE** training program for adults on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse. Expert trainers provide an interactive and dynamic workshop on how to create a safe community where all adults promote child safety.

Participants receive a Know & Tell folder with resources and reminders, and a Certificate of Completion

June 17, 2025

From 10 am to 1 pm

***To Register and Reserve
your spot please email:
kmhgfwc@gmail.com
with your name and
phone number***



**Karen Hink
kmhgfwc@gmail.com
Woman's Club of West Deptford**

***Location:*
RiverWinds Community Center
West Deptford, NJ 08086**



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Community Service
Spiced with Friendship and Fun

UPCOMING

June 3: Walking Group
June 4: Breakfast at Falcon
June 9: Phillies Game
June 10: June Dinner Meeting
June 15: Father's Day
June 17: Know and Tell
Workshop
June 19: Garden District Council
July 9: Summer Book Club
August 7: Lobster Shanty Lunch
August 30: Tidbits Deadline
September 9: Regular Meeting
September 10: Zoom Book Club
September 18: Garden District
Council Meeting (We host!)

Website: wdwomen.com

Facebook:

womansclubofwestdeptford

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

Committee Collection Schedule

- ◆ **Every month**—Food pantries
- ◆ **Special State Project** — Priority
- ◆ **June:** Family Promise
- ◆ **September:** Civic Engagement/Outreach
- ◆ **October:** Domestic Violence, Advocates for Children
- ◆ **November and December:** Civic Engagement & Outreach
- ◆ **January:** Family Promise, Advocates for Children
- ◆ **March:** Advocates for Children; Health and Wellness, Domestic Violence
- ◆ **April:** Family Promise, Domestic Violence
- ◆ **May:** Education/GCI, Health and Wellness/GWCM

Dear Secret Pal

To My Secret Pal,
Thank you so much for the puzzle. I am so looking forward to putting it together at my next family's puzzle night!

—Karen B.

Dear Secret Pal,
What a great gift for summer! I love the Vera Bradley Clutch. It is perfect for those day trips where I don't want to carry my purse. And...it is my favorite color! Red! You are so thoughtful and your surprises are perfect!

—Warmly, April

Dear Secret Pal,
Thank you for the beautiful hanging basket. It's currently hanging near the gate that leads into the backyard. It welcomes those that enter the yard, and looks just beautiful with

the purple and white flowers. I hope you have a wonderful summer that allows you to rest, relax and just chill for a few weeks. Before you turn around, we'll be back working on the next event(s). Once again, thank you for thinking of me.

—Jody



THANK YOU NOTE

My sincere thanks for the many messages, cards, and thoughts and prayers concerning the passing of my brother, Jim. It was a sudden and unexpected loss. I am grateful for your caring and friendship.

—All my thanks, Peg



Basket Raffle

2024 Sue Nelson/April Maska

Thank you to our gold sponsors:

- Solvay
- Keller Insurance Services
- An anonymous donor
- Johnson Matthey