



Tidbits

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March 2026

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

NEXT MEETING

Tues. March 10
6:30 p.m.

Refreshments

Linda C., Karen H.,
Kimberly VZC.,
Susan D.

March Birthdays

8—Kristen C
14—Cheryl F.
16—Tee M.
17—Dottie P
22—Jan A.
22—Margaret O.
24—Jody H.



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

"A woman is like a tea bag – you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Welcoming Spring

Spring cannot come soon enough! I am sure we are all ready for an end to the snow and cold weather. I look forward to seeing the crocuses and daffodils emerge, bringing with them a sense of renewed energy. As the temperatures warm, our community will come alive again, with neighbors stepping outside to enjoy the sunshine instead of shoveling snow and wearing heavy coats and boots.

Club Activities in March

March is always a busy month for the club. During this time, we vote on how to allocate our charitable funds, review our bylaws for any possible changes, and begin planning for the new term ahead. At our upcoming March meeting, we will also hold the bi-annual installation of new members. I encourage everyone to attend and show support for the new ladies joining our group. Welcoming new members brings fresh ideas and approaches that strengthen our community.

NJSFWC Convention in Atlantic City

The convention is right around the corner, taking place May 4-

6. We have a few members attending either the entire convention or just for one or two days. If you are considering going, you will have plenty of club sisters there with you, and remember, you can participate for just one day if that works best for you! Reach out to me directly for pricing and hotel information.

As a preview, there are several educational and interesting workshop sessions to choose from. Below is a schedule of sessions being offered:

Monday, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM:
~Bring a Friend; Make a Friend

Tuesday, 8 AM – 9:15 AM:
~Treasurers Count: Guardian
of the Club
~A Pathway to Great Meetings

Tuesday, 12:30 PM – 2 PM:
~Craft workshop (\$15 fee)
~Book Discussion "The Stolen
Queen" by Fiona Davis
~All Aboard the Membership
Train
~The ABCs of Raffles
~Project Ideas are Not a Big
Secret

Tuesday, 2:30 PM to 4:
~District Performances from
Arts Performing. *The performances are incredibly fun to watch!*

The evening dinners are a time for fellowship with your club members and/or members



from other clubs across the state. The speakers are both wonderful and inspiring. Dinners are scheduled for Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday night if you wish to partake. There is a cost for each.

As a side note: Any winners from the Spring Arts District Meeting should plan to get their items to the Convention by Monday morning. Kim VZC has graciously once again offered to transport smaller items. If you have art that is heavy or large, please make other arrangements, as Kim is just one person, and it can take several trips to her car.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March General Meeting.

In Federation friendship,

Janice

"Friendship is love without wings."
— Lord Byron

First Vice President

Jody Harris

The only scheduled fundraiser we have listed is our last La Sicilia night that is scheduled for March. Last year, it was decided to cut back on fundraisers, so I really need as much participation as possible in this last La Sicilia night.

La Sicilia

Our January 22 fundraiser, yielded us a profit of \$117.72. We don't yet know the profit for **February 26, 2026**, and it was decided at the last meeting, to schedule one final La Sicilia fundraiser. That has been scheduled for **March 26, 2026**. Again, they will give us 20% of the funds collected during the hours of 4 to 8pm.

Patrons have to mention the Woman's Club of West Deptford when ordering. This will be accepted for both takeout and delivery. Looking forward to your assistance in promoting these evenings. Please ask you family, friends, neighbors, anyone you feel may be able to assist us with this fundraiser.

Volunteer Hours

First quarter hours (January-February-March) are now in progress. Feel free to send me your January and/or February hours at your earliest. Thank you to those that have been sending me your hours monthly. Please make sure you are also keeping a record of your hours, as they will be needed for end of year reporting if you participated in a committee or a project.

Guest Speakers/ Programs

If you would like to suggest a speaker, please reach out with their name and what they would be speaking about. 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. I am currently scheduling into fall of 2026. Our next speaker will be Mr. Warren Evans, husband of our member, Robin Evans, who will speak about Solar Power.



Thank you to Karen Hink and Linda Clark, who are helping me to secure our April speaker, as well as those who continue to submitted names of speakers and ideas.

Programs for 2026

If you have an interesting topic and would like to invite a speaker for the 2026 year, please email Jody Harris at jodyanddavid804@aol.com. I am currently looking for speakers for the fall, and into the spring of 2027. Please keep your ideas coming. I am currently looking for September, and November speakers for the fall, as well as all of 2027.

Thank you for your continued cooperation/support with our fundraising projects, as well as assisting me to locate speakers of interest for us. ~ Jody



2nd Vice President/Membership

Ann Caswell

I hope everyone has survived the winter weather!

Installation of New Members

I wanted to remind everyone that we will be having the Installation of new members at the March meeting. We will be "installing" Rhonda Browning, Tee McCall, Dottie Parrot, Colleen McKeever, and Donna Pinto.

Orientation

May 20th we will hold our annual Orientation Workshop at the West Deptford Middle School at 6:30pm. This is a great way for members to learn about our club.

I encourage all our new and seasoned members to attend. Mark your calendar!

Bringing a Guest?

Please let me know if you plan to bring any visitors to the March meeting. I will welcome them and have them sit with "Seasoned" members. As always please reach out to me if you have a friend who is interested in visiting to see what we're all about.

~ Ann

Don't forget to Spring Ahead!

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

Memorial Day Parade

By April Maska

Spring is coming and so is Memorial Day. Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day this year and we are officially signed up to participate in the West Deptford Township Parade.

A little history lesson: Memorial Day has been observed for over 150 years, originating shortly after the Civil War, which ended in 1865.

Originally known as "Decoration Day," it was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to honor fallen Union Soldiers. The holiday officially became a federal holiday on the last Monday in May, 1971. * from the National Archives.

More information will be coming but our plan is to observe this special day with as many club members as can participate. Our plan is to have a wagon again this year and will defi-

nately increase our candy supply for our young parade goers. So mark your calendars, get out your purple shirts and let's show our residents who the Woman's Club of West Deptford is. ~ April

Stockings for Soldiers

Linda Clark & I will do Stockings for Soldiers again this year. Information will be out in May. ~ Cynthia



OUR 2026 HONOREES: Order of the Lily, Janice Morrison; Honor Roll, Peg Shirey, Ann Caswell, and Carol Dechen. Congratulations, and thanks so much for all your efforts on behalf of our club!



Congrats to Jake Cobb on receiving high academic awards & honors for his excellent GPA this semester and each semester for four years at MIT along with track and cross country awards. Proud grandparents, Linda & Bill Jones.

Brady Cobb, grandson of Linda & Bill Jones, has committed to play football and pursue a degree in economics/business at Gettysburg College in the fall. Congratulations on signing, Brady.

Basket Raffle

April Maska

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is in the works!

Sunday afternoon, October 25th, we will again hold our Annual Basket Raffle. It will be held at 4 Star Catering with our amazing baskets, super basket, mystery bags and our 50/50, which supports this year's State Project.



Our goal is to sell 200 seats so that we can continue to support our favorite organizations.

More information will be forthcoming as our committee needs to meet to finalize attendance prices, confirm raffle ticket prices, and add any extras we may want to have.

Join our Committee!

The committee is welcoming

any members who wish to work with Sue N. and myself as we move forward with our planning and organizing. Our event is only as successful as the participation of our members. We would love to have some of our newer members become part of our team. Your input would be invaluable!

Mark your calendars and get some friends together for a fun afternoon.

Arts and Culture

Ann Caswell

A friend loves at all times.
— Proverbs 17:17

We held our first crochet class on Wednesday February 18th. Joann Keefe led our class of beginner crocheters. We had 10 members participate in this fun activity and we were at all levels of crocheting. We plan to continue our crochet journey together! Joann, thank you for your guidance and patience.



CROCHET CLASS

Reminder to our creative ladies. The Spring Conference will be held at Pennsauken Country Club on Thursday April 16th with a cost of \$55.00. The forms are on the NJSWC website, and Ann can also send you the needed forms. Deadline for returning to Ann is March 17th. Sue Nelson is collecting lunch payments. Please let Sue know your lunch choice. I want to give Sue a "Special Thanks" for taking on this project for me. What a great help!



New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
Barbara McCloskey, President
Together in Service - United in Friendship

All Garden District club women are invited to attend the

Garden District Spring Conference & Achievement Day
Thursday, April 16, 2026

Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club
3800 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08033



Arts & Culture and Environment Contests
Entries Registration – 8:30 am – 9:00 am
Member Registration – 9:00 am
Meeting – 10:00 am

Morning coffee, tea, and breakfast treats will be available.

Lunch entrees: Filet Champignon, Maryland Crab Cake,
Chicken Italiano or Vegetarian-Pasta Primavera
Cost is \$55.00 per person

Keynote Speaker: Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President
Brief project highlight by the Garden District Club Presidents in attendance.
Award Presentations – Arts & Culture, Environment, Club,
and new this year - Honor Roll and Order of the Lily

Send reservations with meal choice and a club check by March 26th to:
Mary Schneider, Garden District Vice President
29 Lantern Lane, Turnersville, NJ 08012

Checks are to be made payable to GWC – Gloucester County Women's Club
For more information, email marveschneider@comcast.net or call/text 856-905-5870



Socially Speaking

Jody Harris

Please read through the list of events and social outings scheduled. Check dates, times, cost, deadlines, and **RSVP dates where noted**. All RSVPs go to Jody, no need to send to the whole club. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2026: Edelman Fossil Museum, 2:30pm

This event is closed at this time, but I will put you on a wait list if you are still interested in attending.

A notification of all who are going from our club will be sent out to allow for carpool arrangements if desired. We are planning to meet for lunch prior to our visit to the museum. More details to follow on that aspect. You are not required to join in for lunch unless you wish to. You are welcome to just meet us at 2:15 at the museum so we are ready to go by 2:30.

TUESDAY, March 31, 2026: Pop-Up Brunch at Panera Bread, 10:00am

Being a pop-up, there is **NO NEED TO RESPOND**. 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.



DESSERT NIGHT AT SEVEN STAR

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2026: "Zoom" Book Club, 7pm

RSVP by April 4, 2026 to receive the Zoom invite,

The book we will discussing is Stephen King's 11/22/63

WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2026: Trivia Night at Hollywood Café, 7pm

RSVP by April 15, 2026 to Jody if you are interested in attending. A count is needed two weeks in advance, as they have limited space available.

We were able to reschedule this event. This should be a fun night out.

FRIDAY, May 8, 2026: Mother's Day Breakfast at Falcon Diner, 9:30am

RSVP by May 1, 2026

Time to celebrate us with an informal breakfast at Falcon Diner.

As always, we will order from the menu, and each participant will pay for her own meal. They are very accommodating in allow us to have individual checks. No, you do not need to be a mom to attend. Everyone is

welcome to come out and share in a breakfast

**** TUESDAY, June 2, 2026 Phillies Game: 6:40pm TWO TICKETS LEFT to keep our cost at \$45.50**



GALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Fifty (50) tickets were ordered for this game at a price of \$45.00 each. The \$10.00 per ticket deposit has already been sent in. You are now welcome to pay your balance, which is due **NO LATER** than the April meeting, as the final payment must be sent by the middle of the month. If you are more comfortable in making payments, rather than one lump sum, Sue is more than happy to accommodate you. Again, she can accept cash, checks made out to WCWD, Zelle or Venmo, but please let her know so that she can be on the look-out for it. Please remember if we can't sell all of the tickets the price will go up to \$49.00. There is also a .50 handling fee added to the price of each ticket.

Each \$45.00 ticket will cost \$45.50 when paying your balance.

**** Sue Nelson, will be collecting payments for various events, not just social, these next few months. Please be respectful in letting her know what the payment you are giving her, or sending by Venmo or Zelle, is for.**

Thank you for your cooperation. It is much appreciated.

~ Jody

Federation News

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

Performing Arts Day

Saturday, March 28th

Sign up for a fun day watching members from other clubs perform!

We are carpooling from the Riverwinds Senior parking lot at 9:15AM. The show starts at 10AM.

Let me know if you'd like to join the group going.

Friends of Convention

We had 27 members sign up for the Friends of Convention list. Friends who attend the convention will receive a ribbon. Thank you for your support!

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine

You can now download the GFWC Clubwoman magazine. Just click here for the pdf:

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Winter-Clubwoman-Magazine-1.pdf>

Friendship multiplies the good of life and divides the evil.

— Baltasar Gracián

Domestic Violence Awareness

Linda Marple

Once again, I would like to thank the members of our club for their generous contributions for the women needing services from SERV (Services Empowering Rights of Victims). Monies and cards collected serve the women in the safe house and housed elsewhere as needed.

At our February meeting we collected one Target card which I assume is a \$25 gift card, one \$25 Lyft card and \$146 in cash. This allowed me to purchase one \$95 Visa card (and fees) one \$25 WA-WA card and there is \$16 remaining to be added to the April Collection.

April will be the last collection this year.

Chair Needed

Once again, I am asking members to volunteer to be

the chair of the DVA committee. I have served for over 10 years and need to retire.

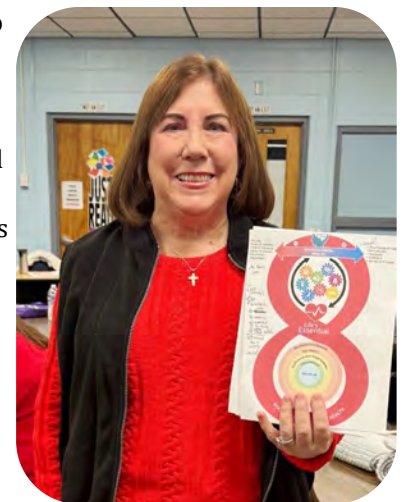
There is one new member who wants to serve on the committee and one "old" member who want to serve on the committee. If needed I would stay on to help.

The chair does not have to take the Volunteer training offered by SERV. I was chair for about a year before I took the training. All that is required of the Chair and the committee is to decide what donations the committee wishes to ask the club members to donate and share the responsibility for writing 10 Tidbits articles.

Donations do not need to be taken to the Safe House but arrangements can be

made to drop donations at an office in Woodbury.

If no one volunteers to be chair, I fear this worthwhile committee will cease to exist after the April collection.



MANY THANKS to our member, Certified Nurse Practitioner Chris Taylor, for speaking to us at our February meeting! Her advice about Heart Health is so important to our members!

Operation Smile

I received an email requesting all donations for Operation Smile to be delivered to Jill McDonald by March 18th. I will need them by our meeting on March 10! Please review the list below for ideas and also the list I handed out at our February meeting. Also notice some of the supplies can be new or gently used. Thank you in advance. I've gotten several donations from club members already. Don't forget to provide me with your in-kind \$ and hours.

List of requested items:

Hotel or travel size shampoo, body wash and bar soap, **WIDE**-tooth combs, **individual** child-size toothbrushes and paste (expiration date 10/26 or later), wash cloths, coloring books and crayons, colored pencils, markers, stickers are all needed.

New or gently used small toys and stuffed animals, soft foam or rubber balls, Barbie style dolls, building blocks (plush, wood, or plastic), card games, Connect 4 or other games to be played by 2-4 players, small cars/trucks like matchbox, pull along toys, children's puzzles 100-300 pieces, Rubik's cubes, fidget spinners, stacking toy sets, and stress smile face balls.

Handmade children's hospital gowns, single layer fleece blankets, quilts and afghans, **unfilled** smile bags, and smile splints.

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who voted for me and acknowledged me as



PLEASE DON'T JUDGE! I've been cleaning out a lot of closets and dresser drawers both Dan and mine. Although I did ask Dan not to let me buy anymore golf shirts. And yes, I will give Cynthia my in-kind numbers and hours.

an Honor Roll recipient! The cards and phone calls were incredibly thoughtful. I'm so happy to have joined WD Woman's Club, and I'm still scratching my head about why it took me so long to become part of such a wonderful club with such amazing women.

Thank you again! ~Carol

Decluttering

By Kim VanZoeren-Czoch

As we grow older and look around our house we notice an accumulation of possessions. After decades of living, it's normal for belongings to quietly pile up – on counters, in closets, and even on floors, which may cause safety hazards.

Decluttering may feel like a daunting undertaking, especially for those of us who have accumulated a lifetime of loved and cherished possessions. Simplifying your living space offers many benefits. Some may include reducing stress, improving safety, and creating a more functional and peaceful home.

The right approach to decluttering helps you clear out what you no longer need, organize what you do and create a space that is easier for you to care for.

Start small and set realistic goals:

instead of trying to tackle an entire house at once, start with one room or one drawer. Set a timer for 10-30 minutes. When the time is up, stop. Setting achievable goals prevents you from becoming overwhelmed and keeps you motivated.

Use the one-year rule: Have I used this item in the past year? If the answer is no, consider donating, recycling, or discarding it. This strategy is helpful for clothing and household items that no longer serve a purpose.

Use the 4 box method: This is one of the most effective decluttering tips for making clear decisions without overthinking. Label

four boxes or bags – 1. **KEEP**- Things you use often and truly need. 2. **STORE**- Seasonal or rarely used items you still want. 3. **DONATE/SELL**- Useable items that are still in good condition but have outlived their usefulness. 4. **RECYCLE/TRASH**- Broken objects and things that have rarely been used in the past few years.

Prioritize Safety: Decluttering is not just about organization as we get older. It's also about safety. Remove tripping hazards such as loose rugs, cluttered hallways, wires or unnecessary furniture. Simplifying ensures a safer environment.

Keep Sentimental Items Thoughtfully: All your memories don't need to occupy physical space. Choose a few items to display. Consider digitizing photos and letters, take pictures of cherished objects. This way the sentimentality is preserved without adding clutter.

Involve family and friends: reminisce with loved ones while decluttering. Share stories about meaningful items. They may want to keep certain heirlooms.

Benefits of decluttering

Improved mental health: a tidy space can reduce stress and secure a sense of accomplishment.

Enhanced Mobility: A clutter-free home makes it easier to move around.

More Time and Energy: Fewer things mean less maintenance and cleaning, freeing up more time to enjoy your day.

Greater Joy: By keeping only the items you truly love, your home will become a sanctuary filled with purpose and positivity.

Simplifying your life through decluttering is an empowering journey that creates space—both mentally and physically. Take small steps and stay focused on your goals. ~ Kim

Advocates for Children

Karen Hink

March Diaper and Wipes Drive

Our collection for March will benefit "Wheels of Change" in West Deptford. Please bring your donations of diapers and wipes to the March meeting. Alternatively, you may drop them off at my house or have them shipped directly to me ahead of time.

Crayon Recycling Project

We are continuing our partner-

ship with The Crayon Initiative. Please bring your used and broken crayons to our meetings. These will be recycled into new crayons and distributed to children in hospitals.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. To show our support, we will be "planting" a pinwheel garden at the County

Child Advocacy Center in Woodbury.

Ronald McDonald House

Please continue to collect and bring your soda tabs to our meetings. We deliver these to RMH South Jersey, where they are recycled to support their programs.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

~ Karen

A friend is what the heart needs all the time.

—Henry Van Dyke

Nominating Committee

Cheryl Fairchild

The nominating committee will meet in March to generate a slate of candidates for office. The slate of officers will be announced and elected at the April 2026 meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or would like to suggest a candidate, please let Cheryl Fairchild, Nominating Committee Chairman, know by March 17, 2026.

Duties for all positions on the Board are in the 2024-2026 Yearbook on page 20. Board members will be elected to serve for two years.

~ Cheryl

Education

Susan Degnen

Spelling Bee

By Janice Morrison

The Tri-County Spelling Bee was held on March 1st at the Haddon Fortnightly building in Haddonfield.

There were twenty 4th and 5th-graders, who previously won their school's spelling bees, invited to participate in the Tri-County Bee.

A West Deptford 4th-grade student, Ethan Velluta from Green Fields School, participated. Ethan is pictured here along with his mom, dad, and sister. Congratulations, Ethan, on a job well done.

Education Committee: Susan Degnan and Sharon Bowen



History Spotlight

Linda Jones

Celebrating Women's History Month

Since 1995 March has been designated as a time to honor, acknowledge, and study women's accomplishments throughout American history.

This is historic due to the efforts of historians, activists, and women's organizations across our country. The official theme for 2026 is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future."

The National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA) is honoring women's critical roles in environmental, economic, educational, and societal sustainability for lasting equality and opportunity.

This theme celebrates women as innovators and leaders. It's about creating financial stability, community resilience, and intergenerational equality.

This is the perfect year to align with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and reflect on historical events of the past as we move forward to modern times and issues of the present.

The GFWC in Washington, D.C. will celebrate Women's History on March 11th. The theme: "Historic Heroines:

Celebrating 250 Years of American Women's Stories." To honor this month, the spotlight will be on the trailblazers, visionaries, and unsung heroes whose courage and leadership helped shape our nation.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) will observe "Women's History Month" with a focus on "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future." The March 2026 events include: Honor Roll & Order of the Lily; Museum of Jersey City program, "In Her Footsteps: A Celebration of Women's History;" March 5th: "Level Up Your Leadership!" Workshop at Headquarters 10:30 a.m.; The Had-don Fortnightly Denim & Diamonds Casino Night.

To the right is a chart of famous women in American history, categorized by their field of impact. This is a great month to read books about some famous women of the past who led the way to impact society today.

Women's history has been interesting as we celebrate "WAVES of FEMINISM."

1st Wave: (19th-early 20th century)

Focused on voting rights (suffrage) and property rights.

2nd Wave: (1960-1980s):

Focused on workplace, family, reproductive rights, and legal inequalities.

3rd Wave: (1990s-2000s):

Focused on individualism, diversity, and breaking gender stereotypes.

4th Wave: (2010-Present):

Centers on intersectionality, sexual harassment (e.g. #MeToo), and using internet activism to combat misogyny.

Each of the Waves accomplished very different things. Women could be ambitious and still be feminine. Daily roles women play in families, workplaces, relationships, and as citizens were accomplished through each "Wave of Feminism." Each wave has accomplished remarkable advances for women through challenges that will continue in history. Enjoy Women's History Month as we move through the moments of time!

Trailblazers & Activists	
Name	Significance
Abigail Adams	Early advocate for women's rights and advisor to 2nd President
Susan B. Anthony	Leader in the women's suffrage movement; 19th Amendment
Elizabeth Cady Stanton	Organized the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention
Sojourner Truth	Abolitionist and women's rights activist ("Ain't I a Woman?")
Harriet Tubman	Underground Railroad "conductor" who rescued 300+ slaves
Rosa Parks	Civil Rights icon who sparked the Montgomery bus boycott
Dolores Huerta	Labor leader and civil rights activist
Gloria Steinem	Feminist leader and writer

Science & Exploration	
Name	Significance
Sacagawea	Guide and interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition
Amelia Earhart	First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
Grace Hopper	Pioneer of computer programming, Rear Admiral
Katherine Johnson	NASA mathematician critical to early space missions
Sally Ride	First American woman in space



Bylaws Amendments

Denise Hosier

The Bylaws Committee met and reviewed our Bylaws. Thanks to Sharon B., Cheryl F., Jody H., and Janice M. for serving on the committee. We are suggesting a couple of minor changes, which will be read and voted on at the March meeting, per our bylaws. They require a 2/3 majority to pass.

Article III - Members

Section 2 ¶12: A prospective member becomes **qualified for active membership an active member** by attending one (1) meeting, completing a membership form, and submitting payment of dues.

The membership form and first dues payment shall be given to the membership chairman, or in her absence, the Treasurer.

Rationale: For clarification

Section 3: Inactive members **are former active members who** pay dues but do not attend meetings **and or** actively participate in the work of the club. An inactive member is not eligible to hold office, but does have voting privileges in club matters. An inactive member

may return to active membership by **beginning to attending meetings again.**

Rationale: For clarification

Standing Rules

We also have developed some proposed standing rules for consideration at the meeting. Standing rules differ from bylaws in that they are adopted by a majority of the club and they may be changed or suspended by a simple majority vote of the membership.

They are on the next page—>

Please read them over and be prepared to vote.

Of all possessions a friend is the most precious.

—Herodotus

Special State Project

Denise Pitchford

New Jersey Children's Alliance

Thank you so much for all the donated Operation Duffel Bag Project items. We all came together and stuffed two duffel bags to give to our local Child Advocacy Center.

Please get your service hours and money contributed to Denise P. for report writing purposes.

A special thank you for two members who made beautiful blankets for this project, Joann Keefe and Debbie Hinkle!



Proposed Standing Rules

Denise Hosier

Standing Rules of the GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford (WCWD)

1. Use of Club Resources

The Woman's Club of West Deptford (WCWD) considers its Yearbook and membership list, whether in whole or in part, as confidential resources belonging to the club. These materials are protected and must not be distributed or made accessible for any purpose without receiving explicit consent from the Board of Directors. Any request or proposed use of these resources must be submitted to the Board for review and approval prior to any action being taken. All excess or expired materials must be shredded before disposal.

2. Promotion and Endorsement Policies

All WCWD meetings and events are to be kept free from commercial and political advertising. Members are not allowed to use these gatherings as platforms to promote their own commercial interests or political agendas. Furthermore, members may not promote the activities of other organizations at WCWD meetings or District meetings unless those organizations are supported by the WCWD.

3. Committee Activities and Planning

To ensure proper coordination and alignment with the club's mission and scheduling needs, all planning for committee meetings and activities must be submitted in advance to the WCWD President. This process helps maintain consistency and organization throughout club operations.

4. Transition of Offices and Committee Leadership

When leaving office, Committee Chairs and Board Members are required to promptly transfer all relevant materials, records, and infor-

mation pertaining to their roles or committees to their successors. This practice supports continuity and ensures the effective functioning of the club.

5. Procedures for Requesting Speakers

Requests for speakers at WCWD meetings must be confirmed in writing with the Program Chair within two weeks of the initial request. Once a speaker is scheduled, a summary of their presentation must be submitted to the Program Chair at least one week before the General Meeting. The submission must include the speaker's bio and any requests for audio-visual equipment. The WCWD will review these requests, but cannot guarantee the provision of audio-visual resources, as availability and technical capabilities may vary.

6. Pro-rating Dues

In accordance with Constitution and Bylaws Article III Section 4, dues for new members shall be pro-rated. Membership begins the month a new member joins, and dues shall be pro-rated as follows: September 100%, October 90%, November 80%, December 70%, January 60%, February 50%, March 40%. A member joining in April, May or June will pay 100% for the upcoming year.

7. Rules for Spending Club Funds

The Board of Directors has the authority to approve monetary requests up to and including \$100 from either the general funds or the charitable giving funds. Approval requires a simple majority vote by the Board of Directors. Any such approved expenditure will be explained to the membership at the General Meeting following the Board's approval. Expenditures exceeding \$100 must receive a majority approval by the General Membership.

8. Club-Owned Items

The Club President is responsible for the following:

- File cabinet at RiverWinds Community Center, containing all minutes, newsletters, and historical information. Keys are held by the President and First Vice President.
- Club Business Cards and Brochures (may be help by the Membership Chairman)
- PO Box 381 Key (copy to be held by the Corresponding Secretary)
- Gavel
- Club Banners & Patriotic Bunting
- Ceremony Wooden Candle Holder and Candles
- Lectern
- Popup Tent

9. Secret Pals

- The Secret Pal program runs for the calendar year, with Secret Pals chosen at the beginning of each year and revealed at the December meeting.
- If there are sufficient members willing to participate, the Membership Chairman organizes the group and oversees the selection of each Secret Pal.
- Participants must provide a minimum of three major gifts per year, including December and the Secret Pal's birthday. Participants may, of course, give more frequently.
- Gift value should be approximately \$20 per gift for the three major gifts. Others may be less. Many participants give gifts every month.
- Participants should remember to thank their secret pal by sending a note to the club newsletter each time a gift is received.

10. Amendments

These rules may be amended or rescinded without notice by a majority vote of the Club at any regular or special club meeting, and may be suspended by a majority vote.



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Community Service
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UPCOMING

March 10: Regular Meeting MS
March 18 Edelman Fossil Museum

March 26: La Sicilia Fundraiser
March 28: Garden District Performing Arts Day
March 31: Brunch at Panera Br.
April 4: Tidbits Deadline
April 8: Book Club Zoom
April 14: Regular Meeting MS
April 16: Garden District Spring Conference
April 26 GCI Reception, Haddon Fortnightly
April 30: Early Tidbits Deadline
April 31: Trivia Night Hollywood

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Committee Collection Schedule

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

From the Treasurer

Sue Nelson

It's that time of year when you may start to pay your dues for 2026-2027. The amount has remained the same, \$45. Cash, check, Venmo and Zelle are all accepted.

The last day to pay your dues for next year is our meeting on April 14, 2026. If cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and the word "dues" written on it (don't seal the envelope). If a check, Venmo or Zelle please put the word dues in the memo or reason for payment. I appreciate an email or text as a "heads-up" if you are paying electronically.

I hope all of you will be continuing with us!

Installation Dinner

Tuesday June 9, 2026 – 6pm
Terra Nova Restaurant, 590 Delsea Dr. Sewell, NJ 08080

Your dinner selection will include:

- Baby Green Salad with tomato, cucumber and Red Wine Vinaigrette
- Unlimited Soda, Coffee, Fresh Baked Rolls, Garlic Butter
- CASH BAR will be available if you wish to partake.
- Vanilla Bean Ice Cream with a Chocolate Sauce
- Cake

Choice of Entrees:

- Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli Alla Vodka
- Chicken Parmigiana with Penne Marinara
- Crab Stuffed Atlantic Salmon, Meyer Lemon Glaze, and vegetable

Final count with your dinner choice is due by the May meeting.

Total cost of per dinner is \$43.00 per person, which includes 20% gratuity.

You are welcome to make your payment to Sue Nelson with cash, check to WCWD, Venmo, or Zelle. Please remember to let her know if you are paying by Venmo or Zelle so she knows to look for it.

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