

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



Tidbits

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NEXT MEETING
Tuesday
September 8
6:30 p.m.
WD Middle School

Refreshments

Barbara O., Peg S.,
Cathy C.

September Birthdays

11—Cathy C.
12—Barbara O.
17—Janice M.
25—Susan A.
26—Carol D.



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President's Message

Jody Harris

Welcome Back! I hope this first edition of Tidbits finds you well rested, relaxed and ready to get down to business. The board and I have been working this summer with the prior board to make a smooth transition. We look forward to this upcoming two-year term, keeping the traditions and integrity of the club while moving ahead.

"Your journey with us is just beginning, and we're here to make it extraordinary. We're so glad you're here! Let's celebrate authenticity and creativity together. Welcome to a space where your emotions, stories, and identity truly matter. Thank you for being here!" – Unknown

Guest Speakers/Programs

Our guest speakers are lined up to take us to the end of the year. In September, we will meet Dr. Kathleen Czekanski, from Del. Valley Alzheimer's Assoc. As always, our October speakers will be GCI and our HOBY award winner, followed in November by Natalie Fortunato, from the S.J. Dream Center. We are very excited to hear what they have to share with us.

Committees

If you have not signed up for a committee, please think about doing so. If you are a new member this is a great way to meet others in the club. If you are a seasoned member and have not signed up for a committee and wish to, please let

me know. You may or may not be aware that our committees have been working through the summer planning various activities and events for the club. Please read through Tidbits to see what they have been up to, and how you can help.

September Garden District Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

This meeting will be held at Haddon Fortnightly. We will be donating sandwiches, chips, and mini water bottles. If you are interested in attending this evening event, please reach out to Sue Combs, who will RSVP for the group, as well as put out a list of ladies going, so that carpool arrangements can be made.

Family Fun Day – Sat., September 19

We will be setting up a table. It looks like we have a good location from the information I have received. I am still in need of another person to sit from 1:00-2:00, and from 3:00-4:00, If you can fill a spot, please let me know.

Thank you to those that signed up to assist:

- Set up starting at 11:30 – Sharon B., Lisa H., and myself
- 1:00-2:00 – Patty W.
- 2:00-3:00 – Barb O., Karen H. and Peg S.
- 3:00-4:00 – Ann C.
- 4:00-5:00 – Peggy G., and Karen B.
- 5:00 Breakdown and Clean up – Jody



GFWC Day of Service: Sat., September 28

Janice Morrison has graciously volunteered to chair this program, which supports victims of Domestic Violence. Please check her article for more information.

Basket Raffle

Our Basket Raffle committee has been working tirelessly throughout the summer to get everything in place for our largest fundraiser. If you promised a basket for the event, please be sure to bring it to the appropriate drop off, based on if it is wrapped. If it needs to be wrapped it will go to a different spot. If you have not purchased your seat, please do so. You won't want to miss this event. We need everyone to make this a success. April and Sue, our chairpersons, will discuss this in more detail at our meeting.

Internal Fundraiser

Ann has been working on our first internal fundraiser, our Hoagie Lunch sales. You should have received your

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President's Message (continued)

notification as to what she needs, as well as your order form. Last year we sold 99 lunches. This year, with your help, we are hoping to surpass that.

Zoom Book Club

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

We will be discussing the book *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

If interested in attending, let me know by Mon. October 5th.

NJSFWC Workshops and Seminars

I am putting this out to you early as I can't stress how important it is to attend

the report writing workshop if at all possible. This workshop is being held two (2) times; once in October and once in November. You will learn what your report should include and what is being looked for to best project what you have worked so hard to accomplish in your committees. There is also a Canva workshop taking place in mid-October if you are interested. Additional details will be forthcoming,

- October 14, 2026 10:30am-12pm Canva Workshop (New Brunswick)
- October 27, 2026 10:30am-12pm REPORT WRITING
- November 18, 2026 10:30am-12pm REPORT WRITING

Both workshops are in New Brunswick. Due to the distance, we will make arrangements to carpool.

Records Review

Thank you to Janice Morrison, Sue Nelson, Barb Oldt, Peg Shirey and Chris Taylor, for giving of their time to review our banking records prior to our new board taking over.

In Federation Friendship, I'd like to once again welcome you all back to the start of a new club year.

Jody

First Vice President

Ann Caswell

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe we are starting our new club year. I am really looking forward to serving you as First Vice President. I hope to be a support to our new President Jody Harris and to all of you. Fundraising is starting. The funds we raise go directly to our support of the community. The club supports: Girls Career Institute (GCI), WDHS scholarships, WDFD, Special State Project (Embralla-Supporting foster children and families), HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) and other community organizations. And remember that any funds we raise will go towards our charitable causes.

Fall Hoagie Lunch Sale

This is our most profitable internal fundraiser, so I hope you can participate. This year's Hoagie Sale is already underway. Pickup will be at Jody's home at 4 Crofton Drive, West Deptford on Saturday September 26 from 10:30 to 11:30. Some members have already placed orders and donated supplies. Thank you! Sue Nelson is graciously collecting the hoagie orders, donations and money. Please refer to Sue's emails for more information. We will be collecting for hoagie lunch sales at the September

meeting. Last year we sold 99 hoagies so let's sell 100 or more this year. Our supplier has also changed for this year. Bill and Eileen's Deli in National Park will be providing our hoagies for the same reasonable price as the last few years.

We're happy to work with this longtime local business. As you know, the price for the entire lunch has stayed the same at \$12 for a complete lunch. It's a great deal. Please remember that all orders are due by September 15th.

I have also been looking into some different ways to fundraise.

Boscov's

We will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. I have obtained 200 cards from Boscov's at no cost to the club. Our club will sell the 5.00 donation cards and the club will keep the entire 5.00 per card. One 5.00 card will entitle you to shop at Boscov's on October 21, 2026 and receive 25% off the lowest price of all items. We will be selling cards at the September meeting so I hope you will purchase a card for yourself and family and friends. Boscov's will have tables set up at the entrances during September and October leading up

to the sale day. We do have opportunities to work a table at Boscov's for 2-hour shifts and sell our cards to anyone who enters the store. I will have some dates and times that are available at the September meeting. This seems like a great fundraiser for our club and I hope this will be a success!

Restaurant Fundraising

Pat's Select Pizza in National Park will sponsor a "Dine and Donate" event for us. We will choose a day from Monday to Thursday and will receive 20% of all sales from 11am to 8pm on a day of our choosing. This includes dine-in, take out, pickup or delivery. More information to follow.

I will be looking into other local restaurant fundraisers. Let me know if you have a favorite.

- Poinsettia Sale
- More information will be coming.

Service Hours

Please keep track of the time you spend on club work and send to me. I know many of you put in a lot of hours. I am currently collecting hours for July through September. Give yourself credit for all the work that you do.

Second Vice President/Membership

Sharon Bowen

Welcome back! Summer flew by in a hurry, and while it was fun, it's time for cooler weather, pumpkin spice and our new club year!

I'm looking forward to my term as Second Vice President and supporting all members of our club. If anyone has any questions please contact me and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have regarding WCWD.

Once again, we will have a membership table at West Deptford Fun Day and have a few open slots at our table if you would like to help greet prospective members and share our special club with the community. We

are also in need of mentors for visitors and new members. Please let me know if you would be interested.

Please let me know if you are planning on bringing visitors to our meetings so I can make sure I can extend a warm welcome!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting. It's going to be a fun year!



NEW BOARD was installed at our June meeting. Congrats to our new officers for 2026-2028: Debbie H. Recording Sec., Sue N. Treasurer Operating, Peggy G. Corresponding Sec., Sue C. Federation Sec., Jody H. President, Ann C. First VP, Linda C. Treasurer LGCCC, Ellen S. Parliamentarian, and not shown, Sharon B. Second VP.

Federation News

Sue Combs

Despite the high heat, if you're anything like me, I am holding on to summer with both hands. However, with cooler weather on the way Fall should be wonderful and, as Federation Secretary, I welcome you back to finishing out our 2026 year strong.

Sign Up for eConnection

Anyone who wants to receive NJSFWC eConnections emailed from headquarters may sign up: njsfwc.org. Click on Materials on the menu bar. The sign-up form is on the left side of the page.

Wreaths of Remembrance

One report that was sent in the June 10th eConnection was concerning Wreaths Across America. Our board felt that an option could be for members to donate to Wreaths of Remembrance with the Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery instead, if they so choose. To sponsor wreaths at \$12.50 each, make checks payable to People for People Foundation, and write Wreaths in the memo section. Mail to 100 Homer Street, Suite B, Clayton, NJ 08312 or you may go online to www.pfpfoundation.org. There are also volunteer opportunities for the wreath laying on December 5th. Call Janis at 856 579-7561 ext. 203 or email

jadams1pfp@gmail.com. If you donate or volunteer, please report it to Cynthia Homes-Butler, chair for Civic Engagement.

NJSFWC AI Workshop

There is a Zoom AI Workshop on Sept. 14th, 10:30 am – 12 pm. The link will be provided in E-Connections. When you register through the upcoming E-connections link they will send you the Zoom link.

Garden District Council

You are also invited to the Garden District September Council on September 17th. It will be hosted by The Haddon Fortnightly, 301 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield. Registration and refreshments will begin at 6:00 pm, and the meeting begins at 6:45 pm. The cost is \$5, and you are encouraged to wear your favorite football team's colors. The presentations will be given by NJSFWC chairmen of Arts and Culture, Environment, and Day of Service. RSVP by September 8th.

State Fall Conference

As a friendly reminder, the NJSFWC State Fall Conference is Oct. 19th at Harbor Point, Point Pleasant (formerly The Lobster Shanty).

MAR Conference

The Call to 2026 Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) Annual Meeting and Conference date has been announced. It will be Oct. 8-11 in Albany, NY. It should provide fun, fellowship, and opportunities to learn more about GFWC programs and projects. Please contact me for more MAR information if you wish to attend, susancombs1018@yahoo.com.

Please try to let me know by a few days prior to any conference/event if you are interested in attending, and I will help to coordinate carpooling. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you.



Scholarships

Ellen Sanker

We were happy and proud to present three \$1,000 scholarships this year at the Scholarship and Awards Night at the West Deptford High School. The recipients this year are Michael Walsh, Kiyuri Jones and Gianna Concordia.

Thank you to Scholarship Committee members Jan A. and Linda M. for attending with me. And thank you to everyone else on the committee for your help with choosing our recipients this year, including Barbara O., Peggy G., Isabella C., Bonnie D., and Tracy H. Also to Dee H. for her technical assistance.

I look forward to working with you all again next school year.



Family Promise of Southwest NJ

Jeannette Wood

Thank You, Thank You!

In June we collected \$85 and three duffle bags.

I purchased duffle bags with the money and delivered a total of 14 bags to Family Promise in July. Along with each bag I added a sheet with our club name and address. The director ask me to do this since the families receiving the bags always want to thank the organizations who donate to them.

Currently there are three families in the program, including one adult with six children, another family with two adults and three children, and the last family with one adult and one child.

We hope to continue our support for these homeless families.



Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey is 🥰 feeling thankful with
GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford

July 29 at 2:10 PM · 🌐

Since 2012, Jeanette from [GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford](#) has been donating duffle bags to our families. They have donated over 600 duffle bags along with various items needed for these homeless families. Some additional items that they donated through the years were backpacks and school supplies for the children, food for the families in transitional housing, household goods, furniture items, and gift cards when the families moved to their own home.

Thank you for your generosity in helping these families in need ❤️

If anyone would like to donate gift cards for food/gas or toiletry products for the families please contact the Director Victoria Osborn via email Vosborn@familypromiseswnj.org.

If anyone would like to donate financially to FPSWNJ please contact our Board President Tom Avery via email tgavery56@gmail.com [See less](#)



(Right) Family Promise thanked our club on their Facebook page in June.



WCWD Domestic Violence Committee

September 2026

**1 IN 3 women age 15 or younger
experiences domestic violence**



As part of the GFWC
International Day of Service on September 26th
the DV Committee will be collecting...

New items needed:

- Bath Towels
- Hand Towels
- Washcloths
- Single (twin) XL sheets

You can drop off your donations to:

Linda Marple at 11 Croften Drive, West Deptford, NJ 08051
(Meravan Farms Development off Ogden Rd)

OR bring them to the September 8th club meeting.

**If you prefer a cash donation, you can give or send it to
Sue Nelson and mark it for the Day of Service.**

We can purchase for you.

Thank you for your generosity,
Janice Morrison, Tee McCall, Nancy Barna and Linda Marple



Brady Cobb, WDHS grandson of Linda & Bill Jones has graduated top 10 in class and received the Robert Staib Memorial Scholarship of \$10,000 for best student athlete. He will play football and major in economics & business at Gettysburg College.

Cynthia & Bob's Granddaughter Lila has started graduate school at University of North Carolina - Wilmington. She's in a dual Masters program in Coastal Ecology and Environmental Law. Lila has also received two paid Graduate Assistanceships helping teach undergraduate courses and also doing research. We are so proud of Lila and will be visiting her in early October at UNCW, which is ten minutes from the beach!



School Supplies Update

The School Supply Project was a very successful project for our club this year. We have assisted the GWCM food pantry for many years. This year 286 students received school supplies to start the new school year.

Club members Joan B., Kim VZC., Peg S., and Isabella C. worked with friends Peggy, Monica, and Rose to pack backpacks and bags. Doris E.'s daughter Susie and grandchildren CJ and Caroline help us annually on Packing Day. During four hot and sunny August mornings supplies were distributed in the parking lot adjacent to the main food pantry. Elementary and

middle school students received backpacks and high school students received a bag until they were all distributed.

This club's Advocates for Children project was assisted by community members from the GWCM church members, volunteers, and donors. Our generous club members and friends donated over 100 backpacks and bags, as well as, many items to fill the bags. Special shoutout to Pixie O. who donated twenty-five backpacks. The School Supply Project would not have been possible without the generosity of our club members. Thank

you to everyone who supported this project.

Volunteer hours: 60.
Cash donations: \$290.
In-Kind donations: \$835.



Joan Baur

Advocates for Children

Barbara Oldt

This year we hope to continue making a difference in our communities by helping ensure that children have the things they need for happy, healthy, and productive lives.

Our collection months will be October, January, and March.

October Collection: Birthday Cake Kits

For our October collection, we will be putting together Birthday Cake Kits to donate to our local food banks. Families receiving food assistance are unable to use their benefits to purchase birthday cake mix,

so these kits help make it possible for children to celebrate their birthdays with a special cake.

Items needed:

- Cake mix
- Can(s) of icing
- 12-ounce bottle or can of lemon-lime soda
- Package of candles
- Package of sprinkles
- 9 x 13 aluminum cake pan with lid
- Birthday gift bag to hold the above items

Please bring your donations to the October meeting, or they may be

dropped off at Barb Oldt's house.

We have not yet finalized the themes for our January and March collections. We will share those details as they become available.

Ongoing Collections

Throughout the year, we will also continue collecting soda tabs and broken crayons. Karen Hink will coordinate the collection of these items.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful club year!

Helping Hands~Happy Hearts

Sandy Mastrangelo
Carol Dechen



END OF THE YEAR PHOTOS: The kids were thrilled to have our members in their classrooms as aides. (photos used with permission)



We are ready to start a new school year!

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at the Riverwinds Community Center, in the Team Room, starting at 10:00 am.

We would like to invite anyone interested in joining this program to please come. We would like to share with you what this program is about and answer any questions you might have.



History Tidbit

Linda Jones

Welcome Garden District DVP

The NJSFWC has begun their new 2026 - 2028 administration with the theme, "A Force for Good" and a new state Board of Directors as well as District Vice Presidents. Communication with each Women's Club is key to coordinating local and state activities, procedures, and information.

Cheryl Fairchild will lead the Garden District as our District Vice President (DVP). Her position began this past May as she will serve on the NJSFWC State Board of Directors while acting as an official trustee, advisor, and liaison for all the federated women's clubs across the southwestern region of New Jersey.

Cheryl's specific responsibilities as Garden District DVP are as follows:

- *** Leadership and communications by receiving state board information to directly pass on to local clubs.
- *** Hold district meetings in June, September, & January and run the annual District Spring Conference.
- *** Give club support, which entails visits to local clubs; helping to install new club officers & serving as a general resource for their club members.
- *** Attend all regular monthly State Board meetings.
- *** Visit local clubs in the district to interpret state policies, answer procedural questions, & officially install new club officers.

We congratulate Cheryl. Her new role emphasizes service, recognition, and open communication as District Vice President. Cheryl's expertise comes from her past and current history. She has been a past member of the Junior Woman's Club and a Charter member of the Woman's Club of West Deptford since 1993 when Cheryl organized a committee of past Junior Presidents to start the federated GFWC Woman's Club of WD. With 31 charter members, Cheryl be-



came our first club president and worked with Denise Hosier to write the club bylaws leading us to being federated in New Jersey.

Cheryl's leadership and direction over the years has helped us continue to serve our community with volunteerism and accomplished projects as well as state initiatives resulting in donating our time and money to our community. Best wishes to Cheryl in all your future endeavors as our DVP!

A Little History Tidbit

The Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation sent a thank you note

for the \$50 donation I sent on behalf of our club to help build the National Monument on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The note states that together we are making history. Please visit the website at womensmonument.org for more information or to make a donation to support the building of the monument in our nation's capital.



Found this picture in an old scrapbook today. We were on our way to Junior Convention in Great Gorge - May 1984.



Cheryl's Scrapbook: Leaving for the 1984 Junior Woman's Club Convention. Front row: Cheryl Fairchild, Jeannette Wood, Linda Jones; Back row: Dee Hosier, Abbe Newman

Socially Speaking

Linda Clark

The Social Committee has been working on activities for this year. Some activities will be the same as past years and others will be new ideas.

For September

Bonsal Blues September 14

On September 14th at 7pm join the Bonsal Blues Band for a Friends and Family free concert at the American Legion Post #133 at 1018 Washington Ave. Woodbury. The band will be dedicating a new sign for the post and will play a couple of songs in front of the building and then move inside to the hall at the back of the building to entertain us. There is



Heritage Glass Museum

parking along the railroad tracks, and limited parking at the back of the building that you can access from Evergreen Ave. The entrance to the hall is at the back of the building. After the concert, if you are so inclined we can go to the Colonial Diner for coffee and dessert. RSVP to lindagfwc@gmail.com by September 7th.

Appetizer & Dessert Night September 24

On September 24th at 6PM we will have an Appetizer and Dessert Night at St. Paul's Church.

Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share with your club sisters. Also, if you would like to share your recipe, bring a copy that others can take a picture of.



PHILLIES GAME was a blast! We had a great group! Girls just wanna have Phillies Phun!

This will be a great way for us to socialize and get to know each other. Please RSVP to lindagfwc@gmail.com by September 14th. I will then send out an email to everyone who is attending and you can let us know what you will be contributing.

Always look for my emails for complete information on upcoming activities.

Linda Clark on behalf of the Social Committee: Pixie O., Cynthia H-B., Linda M., Joann K., and Peg S.

Basket Raffle

Dear Club Sisters,

It is hard to believe that summer is behind us and fall is here! I hope everyone had a nice summer and is ready to support our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We are only 8 weeks away before our basket raffle is upon us. We are already at 150 seats purchased and the inquiries are picking up now. Don't forget to get your seat reserved soon.

Also, I continue to hear from our awesome members about their amazing baskets. Peg S. has been

accepting baskets for days now and they are looking fantastic. Reach out to her when you are ready to drop off your basket. If you have not given Sue N. the theme of your basket, please let her know. She is putting together our list of baskets for all of our guests, so it is helpful if you let her know what your donation will be.

Our Summer Zoom meeting on the Raffle went well and we were able to accomplish a lot. The Basket Raffle Gems (Committee) have been working hard behind the scenes and all of our volunteer slots have been

filled. We do need a few extra volunteers in a couple areas which I will share in more detail at our September meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has been working on their baskets and for stepping up to volunteer to help. It takes all of us for our fundraiser to be a success and I know it will be fantastic again this year.

See you all at our September meeting!

--April and Sue

Special State Project: Embrella

Linda Marple

The more I learn about this organization, the more impressed I am with them. In this article I will share just some of the things they do to support children in foster care. Our first article upon completion of our first collection showed how Embrella supported children from pre-school through high school, providing backpacks and needed school supplies. This article will cover how Embrella supports youth in foster care with tools, application support and funds for applying to college and fees once accepted to an approved school.

Embrrella, in partnership with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), provides educational assistance through the New Jersey Foster Care (NJFC) Scholars Program. The NJFC Scholars Program provides funding for eligible youth who have experienced a CP&P out-of-home placement, CP&P independent living arrangement, or transitional living program and are seeking a post-secondary degree at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or a career/technical school.

What can funding be used for?

There are two funding sources:

Students who are eligible for the Federal Education Training Voucher (ETV)/State Option funding may receive assistance with the following: Tuition + Fees, Room + Board, Books +

Supplies, Transportation. Students who are eligible for the Statewide Tuition Waiver Program may receive assistance with remaining tuition and fees (if attending full-time at a New Jersey public school), after federal and state financial aid has been applied. Each student's case history will determine the source of funding and financial support the scholarship will provide.

Thinking About College? What is required to apply?

- Be between the ages of 16 and 25
- Be in possession of a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency (GED/HSE)
- Be granted admission to a degree or certificate granting post-secondary institution or program that has been accredited to receive Title IV funding
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application



Thank you all so much for your generous donations to the first Embrella project. The Garden District's task was for clubs in our district to get and fill 5 backpacks suitable for Middle and High School children. Agnes K. and I delivered the filled backpacks to Haddon Fortnightly Shown with us is a member from Pitman Woman's Club. Members, you generously contributed \$215 and we spent \$129.99. The pre-school sales were amazing! Each backpack was filled with over 20 items! The remaining \$86 will be applied to our next project. Thanks again for your rapid response and generosity. Now children from pre-school to college in foster care in NJ will be well-supplied for the coming school year.

Embrrella also helps students who have aged out of foster care with help finding housing and more. These young adults are not just left to fend for themselves once out of care if they want to pursue post-secondary education or job training.

Arts Performing

Debbie Hinkle

The "Troupe" has met, costume components have been ordered and received and they are off to the seamstress for final alterations. We will meet on Monday, September 28th at the home of Sue Combs (85 Crescent Hollow Drive, Sewell) at 6:30pm. Keep an eye out in your local copy of VARIETY for any early reviews.



CROCHET CLUB met over the summer. We have some talented ladies!

Environment

Patty Wyzykowski

We hope that you had a wonderful summer! Our Environment Committee has met to discuss options for activities during the upcoming year. We will continue to collect #5 plastic prescription bottles and all plastic caps for recycling at ECOP in Delaware. Please feel free to bring your plastics to our meetings or drop them off at Patty's house.

We are also planning a fun "Pop-up Monarch Butterfly Event" to be held

at 1pm on September 11th in Patty's back yard. Patty and Denise P. have been "raising" Monarch butterflies for release during the past several years. Patty and Denise will share information about their butterfly rearing experience.

At the event our committee will present information about the Monarchs—their reproduction, feeding, threats, the impressive fall migration to Mexico....and more! We hope to show the various life cycle stages of the Monarch from egg to caterpillar, chrysalis and finally the beautiful butterfly. If we are lucky, some Monarchs will be ready for release that day!

You can view Patty's garden, which is planned to benefit not only butterflies, but also all pollinators, birds and wildlife. Light refreshments will be served. This will be an outdoor event and the yard is partially shaded. Please dress accordingly. Seating will be



provided. This will be a members only event and we ask that you let us know if you will be attending so we can plan for refreshments and seating. Denise Pitchford sent you a "save the date" e-mail for the Pop-up on 8/28/26. You can respond to her e-mail if you will be coming.

We hope that you can join us for the "Pop-up Monarch Butterfly Event!"

Patty, Denise, Isabella, Peg, Peggy and Cynthia, Environment Committee



Arts and Culture

Ann Caswell

Welcome back! The favors that we made for the June Garden District meeting had a patriotic theme in honor of our country's 250th anniversary and were a success. We were honored to help support our own Cheryl Fairchild with her first District Meeting. We also provided the centerpieces for the End-of-Year dinner.

The Arts and Culture Committee also met to discuss our fall group project. We decided on a "gnome"

door hanger which we think is a really cute, fun project. We hope this appeals to everyone who enjoys crafting. It's always so much fun to encourage everyone's creativity.

We have reserved **Tuesday October 20th at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Church**. We will provide assistance as always. Cost will be \$10.00 each which will cover supplies. Bring your scissors and glue guns. Hope you can make it. We will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.



Health and Wellness

Carol Dechen

Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness

September is a time to bring greater awareness to Alzheimer's disease and dementia—conditions that affect millions of individuals and families.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia.

Dementia is not a normal part of aging. It is a general term for changes in memory, thinking, communication and behavior that interfere with everyday life.

For the person living with dementia, everyday activities can gradually become more challenging. But there is another side of the story that deserves attention: the caregiver.

Family members and friends often provide hours of unpaid care while trying to balance their own work, families, health, and responsibilities. Caregiving can be rewarding, but it

can also be physically and emotionally exhausting. Finding opportunities for caregivers to take a break, stay active, socialize and connect with others is an important part of supporting the entire family.

Alzheimer's is a journey that affects not only the individual diagnosed, but everyone who loves and cares for them.

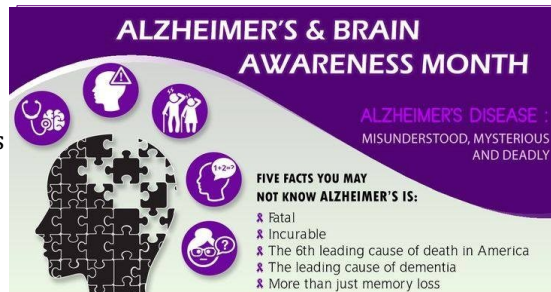
Coming to Our September Meeting

In recognition of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, we will welcome a guest speaker to our September

meeting to help us better understand Alzheimer's and dementia, recognize some of the challenges families face, and learn about resources available in our community.

Health & Wellness Projects Thus far:

- **September** - World Alzheimer's Month, walk at Cooper River, 9/26/26
- **October** - National Breast Cancer Awareness month, walk at Cooper River is Sunday, 10/18/26
- **October**—Walk to End Alzheimers, walk in OCNJ, 10/24/26
- **November**—Operation Smile, making pediatric patient gowns (need material)
- **November**—National Alzheimers Disease and Awareness Month
- **January**—Blood Drive at St. Pauls date TBD
- **February**—National Wear Red Day and American Heart Month
- **March**—Final collection for Operation Smile (details to follow)



Civic Engagement and Outreach

Cynthia Holmes-Butler

Stockings for Soldiers

Thank you, everyone for your generous contributions to this very worthwhile project. Several members donated cash or items for the stockings.

A September date for stuffing them at my house will be announced at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Ongoing Food Collection

Please remember to bring your food donations to the club meeting in September.

- SJ Dream Center - food
- Wheels of Change - food and clothing
- Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries - food

On a piece of paper with your donation, please write:

- Where you would like your donation to go
- Number of items donated
- Time spent shopping, collecting and transporting donation

Thank you for your generosity!



Top photo: Pixie delivered food to the South Jersey Dream Center.

Bottom photo: Sue C., Karen H. and Debbie H. packed food baskets for St. Paul's Food Pantry.



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UPCOMING

Sept. 8: Regular Meeting, MS
Sept. 9: Helping Hands~Happy Hearts Mtg

Sept. 11 Monarch Butterfly Event

Sept. 14: Bonsai Blues Concert

Sept. 14: NJSFWC AI Workshop

Sept. 15: Hoagie Orders Due

Sept. 17: Garden Dist. Meeting

Sept. 19: WD Family Fun Day

Sept. 24: Appetizer/Dessert

Night at St. Paul's

September 26: Hoagie Lunch

Sept. 26: NJSFWC Day of Serv.

Sept. 29 NJSFWC Leadership

Oct. 7 Lunch Red Bank B'field

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Committee Collection Schedule

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

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JUNE GARDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING had great attendance by our club. Many of us attended to support the new Garden District Vice President, our own Cheryl Fairchild.



PASSING THE GAVEL and the President's Pin, we had 33 years of Club Presidents, 1993-2026, at the June Installation Dinner. From left, Cheryl F., Denise H., Jeannette W., Ellen S., Clara C., Denise P., Joan B., Nancy B., Carol F., April M., and Janice M. all passed the gavel to incoming President Jody H.