



The Club

April 2026

President's Message



*"Then my heart with pleasure fills and
dances with the daffodils"*
William Wordsworth

We all look forward to seeing daffodils in our gardens because we know spring is "almost" here. In a few weeks New

Jersey will start to look green and beautiful again and that always lifts our spirits.

For our Club, spring means getting out into the community with some of our favorite projects. The Spring Easter Basket project was completed early this year. Thank you to Susan Wiedaseck, Sheela McGlone and Cathy Zollo for organizing this project and to all those who volunteered to set up collection sites in Denville and Rockaway and assemble baskets. This year was a record, 81 baskets and extra candy donated to NouishNJ and local food pantries. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of the community to enable us to make and deliver baskets to the social service children in Denville and Rockaway in time for Easter. You can imagine the big smiles on the children!

Look for the Club pinwheel displays outside Denville, Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township Libraries, and Denville Town Hall in April to promote awareness for Prevent Child Abuse month. Some members will attend the Day of Service for Operation Smile held at NJSFWC Headquarters on April 13th and we hope to have a table with activities for the children at the Spring Festival held at the Rockaway Township Library on April 26th. Don't forget our Dining to Donate at Thatcher McGees in Denville April 20- 23 and the Jewelry Buyback at Bilori Jewelers in Denville April 21-25. Our trip to the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham Hindu Temple in Robbinsville will be a fun social outing on April 9th. It is a busy month!

Remember that our meeting dates changed this month, mark your calendars. Evening Meeting on April 20th and Day Meeting on April 21st.

Yours in federation friendship,
Janet Walker

Calendar of Events

- **April 8th** – Wednesday – 10 AM – **Highlands District Spring Conference.** The Hanover Manor – 16 Eagle Rock Ave. East Hanover
- **April 9th** – Thursday – 11 AM Guided tour **BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham Hindu Temple** Trip #11 – Cost Free 112 N. Main Street, Robbinsville, NJ Contact Michele Cestaro
- **April 13th** Monday – 10AM- 1PM **Operation Smile.** Day of Service- NJSFWC Headquarters (see page 23)
- **April 20th** – Monday -7PM -**Eve Meeting** Denville Community Church – Presentation- JBWS- Diane Williams
- **April 21st** – Tuesday - 1PM -**Day Meeting** Denville Town Hall - Community Room
- **April 20- 23** – Monday - Thursday **Thatcher McGhee** Benefit-use flyer page 12
- **April 21-25th** – Tuesday to Saturday **Jewelry Buy Back Jewelry - Bilori Jewelers**
- **April 26th** - Sunday **Denville Farmers' Market**
- **April 26th** – Sunday – 12PM-4PM **Rockaway Township Annual Spring Festival** Rockaway Township Library. (see page 13)
- **April 27th** – Monday – 7PM **Eve Book Discussion** **Ann Weissenburger's Home** "The Lies They Told". By Ellen Marie Wiseman
- **May 2nd** - 12PM – 5PM **Ayres Knuth Farm Foundation** Cooper Road, Denville Pathways to History- Craft Event
- **May 4th– 6th** - Monday to Wednesday **NJSFWC Annual Convention** **Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City**
- **May 11th**- Monday – 7PM **Woman's Club Eve Meeting** Denville Community Church Poetry Awards given in Sanctuary.
- **May 12th**- Tuesday – 1PM **Denville Town Hall- Community Center** Installation of Woman's Club Exec Board.
- **June 2^{1st}** – Sunday – 8AM – 11 AM **Denville Farmers' Market**



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February 27th – Glass Blowing Trip # 9 -by Michele Cestaro



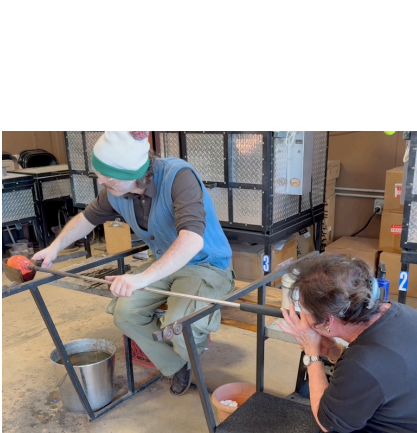
It was a hands-on introduction to glassblowing. We gathered molten glass from the furnace, turning it constantly to keep it centered, shaping it with heat and gravity and then blowing into it to see it expand. We made vases, paper weights and bowls. It was a great experience that all of us enjoyed. Before the class, most of us met for lunch at the Turning Point in Morristown.

Michele Cestaro.

Michele, thank you for all the photos as well.

(L-R) standing - Sheela McGlone, Cathy Zollo, Marge Dobbins, Sheela's sister Maureen, Cathy Z Friend, Joan Day Ramos & Kathy Holland

(L-R) sitting - Janice Kostyszyn, Michele Cestaro and Ellen Duffin. 2 Instructors in foreground



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Cont: Glass Blowing Trip # 9-Pickup at the March Meetings (March 9th & 10th)



Ellen Duffin



Kathy Holland.



Sheela McGlone



Sheela's Ocean Globe



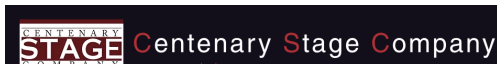
Janice Kostyszyn



(L-R) Joan Day DeRamos & Nancy Fitch. Joan's glass star.



March 4th – Wednesday – 2PM. Dial M for Murder - Centenary Stage Company
715 Grand Avenue, Hackettstown. Michele Cestaro Trip#10.

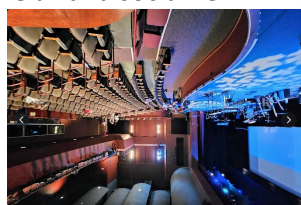


<https://njtheatrealliance.org/profiles/centenarystagecompany/>

For more than 35 years, Centenary Stage Company has served as the major cultural resource of New Jersey's Skylands Region

13 members plus two additional guests went to see the production of Dial M for Murder at Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, and it turned out to be a wonderful outing. The actors delivered excellent performances, bringing both suspense and humor to the play.

Before the show, most of us met for lunch at Mama's Cafe Baci, which was a great way to start the afternoon and gave everyone time to relax and socialize. *Michele Cestaro*



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March Events Continued

March 9th – Monday – 7PM Woman’s Club Eve Meeting - Denville Community Church Presentation – Deirdre’s House.



Our evening Meeting began with a presentation from Deirdre’s House, Morris County’s Child Advocacy Center. Club President Janet Walker introduced the speaker’s; Catherine Rios (Deirdre’s House Program Coordinator) and Alyssa White (Child Advocate at Deirdre’s House). Both young ladies, in a very informative presentation, explained that the mission of Deirdre’s House’s (in Morristown) is to reach out to children who are victims of child abuse. Following the presentation questions were taken from our members. Answers to questions, like how the team, at Deirdre’s House, acquires the contacts of these child victims and how long do these children stay at Deidre’ House were answered.

(L-R) Janet Walker, Alyssa White, Katherine Rios and Barbara McCloskey.

Link to Deidre’s House presentation <https://youtu.be/vTlPralCXeQ>



Our club, involved in the NJSFWC State Project, NJ Children’s Alliance, participated in Operation Duffel Bag. With the help of our wonderful members, we filled three duffel bags of requested items for an 11-year-old girl child victim. The items were collected at both meetings and brought to Karen’s home, where they were sorted, and the bags filled. Janet Walker delivered the duffel bags to Deirdre’s House. The presenters explained that many child victims leave their homes in emergency situations and come to the Center with nothing. So, they are able to give them a duffel bag with age-appropriate items is greatly appreciated. The contents of the duffel bags included a towel, blanket, pajamas, sweat suit, socks, underwear, slippers and small toiletries, books and markers. This is something the child can take with them to help ease their transition. *Karen Lazur* (Thank you for the photos, Karen)

Our President Janet Walker informed our Deidre’s House presenters, that our Woman’s Club are placing blue pinwheels at our communities’ Public Libraries, the Denville Library, the Rockaway Township Library and the Rockaway Borough Library in commemorating of “April is Child Abuse Prevention Month”.





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March Events Continued

March 9th – Monday – 7PM Woman’s Club Eve Meeting - Denville Community Church Continued

Following the presentation our President Janet Walker started the meeting informing us that March is Woman’s History Month. Janet Walker kindly acknowledged that editor Ruth Gimbel placed in our Woman’s Club March 2026 Newsletter a handful of Short Bios of GFWC Woman’s Club Members who did significant contributions to shaping our Nation’s History. Ruth Gimbel pointed out that these Women Club Members were able to achieve momentous progressive changes in US Women’s Rights as well as Rights of less fortunate in our society even before Women had the Right to Vote. These women fought also for conservation and creation and preservation of National Parks. These women, before the U.S. Amendment 19 was passed, were able to accomplish their missions thru the massive support of Nationwide GFWC Club members, by rallying their support and lobbying power.

Janet Walker then proceeded to cover this Month’s Agenda.

NJSFWC President Barbara McCloskey and Nancy Levy were able to attend the Woman’s Club Eve meeting. Both President Janet Walker and Barbara McCloskey explained Project Smile, April 13th at Headquarters. Barbara McCloskey then gave an update of NJSFWC.

Link to Janet W. & Barbara M talk <https://youtu.be/C0cXCDeAJkU>

March 10th – Tuesday – 1PM. Woman’s Club Day Meeting

Denville Town Hall, Community Room. Collection- Project Duffel bag

Janet Walker, once again, at our Day Meeting, informed our members, that March is Woman’s History Month. Janet then proceeded, this time, with VP Jenn Ireton, to cover this Month’s Agenda.

More Committee members were present at the Woman’s Club Day Meeting thus able to give an update on their committees, in person.

Once again our Club’s Day members voted on the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Club Special Project from 3 selected nonprofit charitable organizations “The Center for Family Services”, “Embrella”, “Mom’s helping Moms”. (as a vote taken at our Club’s Night Meeting). Our Woman’s Club resulting vote will then be sent to NJSFWC where a tallying of the State clubs votes will be taken to determine which nonprofit organization will be adopted as NJSFWC Special Project for 2026 to 2028. A vote was taken, again as well, at our Club’s Day Meeting (The first vote taken the night before) on the slate of members to become part of our Club’s Executive Committee for 2026 -2028. Installation of these board members will take place at our Club’s May Day Meeting

A detail account of the Eve and Day Meeting can, once again, be found in our detailed minutes of both our Club’s March Eve and Day Meeting by our dedicated recording secretaries Susan Wiedaseck and Florence Lucchesi, emailed to all members, by our President Janet Walker.



(L-R) Joan Chiaravallotti and Lynda Gronemann
Hostesses for March Day Meeting

Link to Geraldine Baillod’s talk on
the sale of Spamalot tickets

<https://youtu.be/AXx2e4OOfQw>

Link to Joan Henry’s talk on the
Poetry Contest

<https://youtu.be/9k28B7vuUE0>



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March Events Continued

March 11th – Wednesday – 10 AM. Highlands District Arts Performing Day



Left side of table from front to back. Connie Pojanowski and Barbara McCloskey
Right side of table from front to back. Janet Walker, Kathy Holland and Karen Lazur

We had a lovely time at the Highlands performing arts event, held at the Community House of the Thursday Morning club. Approximately 60 clubwomen attended, and we were treated to a delicious breakfast. There were five performances, with the Woman's Club of Parsippany dancing to a song and the Long Valley Woman's Club performing an original skit. There were three other readings.

The clubs who attended voted to send the Long Valley clubwomen to Atlantic City, to perform in the theatre with other districts at our convention.

It was nice to visit t with other clubs in our district.

Barbara McCloskey





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March Events Continued

NourishNJ -347 S. Salem Street, Dover.

Val Kenny once again organized 2 dates in March for groups of our members to volunteer in NourishNJ's kitchen.

March 18th – Wednesday – 11 AM - 1PM-



Our three-power member team of Lisa Farrell, Sheila McGlone and Ruth Gimbel assembled over 10 dozen Jerk Chicken Tacos packaged meals.



(L-R) Lisa Farrell, Sheila McGlone & Ruth Gimbel

March 25th – Wednesday – 11 AM - 1PM



We had a crew of seven at NourishNJ today. Most of our time was spent packaging over 250 meals with a home cooked cheeseburger and delicious roasted potatoes that will be put out for the clients tomorrow.
Karen Lazur. (thank you for the photo, Karen)

Nourish.NJ provides immediate access to healthy food as the first step toward a stable future. As a center of support, we connect our neighbors to essential community resources and provide direct services to address the root causes of hunger.

<https://www.nourishnj.org/who-we-are>

(L-R) Vivien Contreras, Sheila McGlone, Carolina Contreras, Karen Lazur, Michele Cestaro and Patti Fairman (& husband Dave)



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March Events Continued

March 23rd – Monday – Assembling of Spring Baskets -at Cathy Zollo's Home



Clockwise Maureen Hartman, Cathy Zollo, Mary McAleer, Janice Kostyszyn, Lorraine Bollmann & Adeline Terwilliger



(L-R) Kathy Elko, Gloria O'Connor, Ellen Duffin, Lorraine Bollmann & Janet Walker



(L-R) Michele Cestaro, Candy Starace-O'Bara Susan Wiedaseck and Karen Lazar



(L-R) Cathy Zollo, Sheela McGlone & Susan Wiedaseck

Collections for these Spring Basket were started from mid-February, baskets placed in several different locations in the townships of Denville and Rockaway. Sheela McGlone coordinated the collection in Denville. Susan Wiedaseck coordinated the collection in Rockaway Township and Borough. Some of our Members signed up to volunteer to place baskets, for the collections in Denville and Rockaway. Collection sites in Denville were Denville Municipal Building, Invictus Family Chiropractic, Denville Public Library, Beignets, Smart World Coffee and Camp Bow Wow. Collection sites in Rockaway were at both Rockaway Township and Rockaway Borough Public Libraries and the Missy's Main Street Cafe. The public was asked to donate items from a list. But certain companies donated items as well.

The baskets of collected items were then picked up, first accumulated in the homes of Sheela and Susan, who then brought these collections to Cathy Zollo's Home. On March 23rd, members of our club volunteered to assemble the 61 Spring Baskets requested from Denville Social services and 30 Spring Baskets requested by Rockaway Social Services.





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GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER

NJSFWC 132 years (created 1894)

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE REGISTRATION FOR NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION -APRIL 4TH 2026

**HIGHLANDS DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE/ ACHIEVEMENT DAY-APRIL 8 – WEDNESDAY – 10AM
HANOVER MANOR- 16 EAGLE ROCK, EAST HANOVER**

**OPERATION SMILE-DAY OF SERVICE -APRIL 13TH 2026-MONDAY-10AM-1PM
NJSFWC HEADQUARTERS**

**NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION-MAY 4TH, 5TH, 6TH - MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY-
ATLANTIC CITY**

**GCI -GIRLS CAREER INSTITUTE- JUNE 1, 2, 3, AND 4TH - MONDAY – THURSDAY
DOUGLAS COLLEGE, RUTGERS – NEW BRUNSWICK**



Birthday Cards for Age 90 and Above

By NJSFWC | December 17, 2025

Did you know that any member celebrating a birthday, 90 years or more may receive a Birthday card from the Federation? Email the member's name, birthday date, age, and address to the NJSFWC Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Levy at levy@njsfwc.org. You may include the age that

the member is celebrating.

NJSFWC ECONNCTION

December 17, 2025. Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President. Together in Service, United in Friendship

To you and your loved ones, in April



Happy Easter



Happy Passover



Happy Vaisakhi



and any other holiday I missed. Happy Spring



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UP COMING APRIL & MAY EVENTS NOTED BY VAL KENNY



The women's club will be running a booth at the **Denville Farmer's Market** on **Sunday, April 26, from 10 AM to 1 PM**. If you are interested in helping out during one of the two shifts, please contact Val Kenny. We will be selling tickets to our upcoming Spamalot show (at the Barn Theater in Montville)

See flyer on following page



Bilori Jewelers in Denville is hosting a gold/silver/coin's buyback fundraiser for our club **between Tuesday, April 21st, and Saturday, April 25th**. If you have any gold or silver items you wish to sell, Bill and Lori will give our club 10% of anything they purchase. Please show them the flyer when you go in. (page 11) **23 Diamond Spring Road, Denville.**



Our next Dining to Donate will be held at **Thatcher McGhee's** in Denville between Monday, **April 20th, and Thursday, April 23rd**. Our club will receive 20% of all sales for dine-in, take-out, AND bar sales! Please remember to show the flyer (page 12) when you visit.



NourishNJ's Annual Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 3rd, beginning at noon at Central Park of Morris County. Our goal is to raise \$500 this year for NourishNJ. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Val Kenny or visit

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/hungerwalk/team/WomensclubofDenvilleRocka>





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Gold and Silver Jewelry Buy Back Fundraiser for Scholarships

Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway



*Clean out your jewelry box and sell
your old gold and silver jewelry for cash!*

*Other silver items may be sold, including
silverware, picture frames, and serving
dishes!*

Support our scholarship fund!

Tuesday, April 21 – Saturday, April 25th

Bilori Jewelers – 23 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ



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Dine and Donate for (Women's Club of Denville/Rockaway)

53 Broadway
Denville, NJ 07834

Check our website for
weekly specials:
www.thatchermcghees.com



Hours of Operation

7 Days a Week
12pm - 12am for Food
(2am for Drinks)

April 20th through April 23rd

**YOU MUST PRESENT THIS FLYER FOR THIS
DONATION TO COUNT!!!**

(Good for dine-in, take-out, and the bar!)

*** We raise money for scholarships and donations to other organizations***

By dining at Thatcher McGhee's of Denville on
(**April 20th through April 23rd**)
The (**Women's club of Denville/Rockaway**) will receive
20% of the sales!

Please give this flyer to friends, family, and neighbors! Please help us raise as much money as we can!!



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The Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway Area
Invites you to a *special fundraising night* at the
The Barn Theatre, Montville, NJ

June 4th, 2026

Showtime - 8pm

Tickets - \$40 each

Refreshments available - 6:30pm to 7:45pm



MAY - JUNE 2026

All proceeds go to the Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway Scholarship Fund

To purchase tickets contact Geraldine Bailod
geraldinebailod@gmail.com 973-220-3945



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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

GFWC WOMEN’S CLUB OF THE DENVILLE/ROCKAWAY AREA

Please fill out this form and return it with your Cash or Check made payable to:
“GFWC Women’s Club of the Denville/Rockaway Area”.

Dues Amount: \$40.00 (no later than 3/31/2026)

Dues must be paid in full for the 2026/2027 Club Year (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027)!

The information on this form will be used for the Club’s yearbook. Please make sure we have your correct address, email, phone number and birthday!

You may bring this form and your dues to the February or March meetings or mail this form with your payment to:

**Cathy Zollo – 39 Magnolia Ave., Denville, NJ 07834
(Please print)**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL: _____ **HOME:** _____

TELEPHONE: (which one do you prefer) Cell: _____ **or Home:** _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ **DAY** _____

Thank you and we look forward to your continued membership!

IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO CONTINUE WITH THE CLUB FOR THE 2026/2027 YEARS, PLEASE CONTACT CATHY ZOLLO at cztz4@aol.com , via text at 973-626-2841 or via mail to Cathy Zollo, 39 Magnolia Ave., Denville, NJ 07834 – Thank you!





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NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC
Barbara McCloskey, President

OFFICIAL CALL ANNUAL CONVENTION 2025
“Celebrating Good Times”

- Event** The One Hundred Thirty Second Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC New Jersey State
- Time** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – May 4-6th, 2026
- Place** Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, New Jersey (609)449-6860

The Convention will open Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and will adjourn at the close of the business session Wednesday.

- Registration** All attendees, including Delegates, Alternates, Members, Guests and Visitors must register as soon after arrival as possible. **Credentials must be worn at all meetings, programs, workshops and in the exhibit area.**

Important Information

Delegate Registration must be sent in accordance with Article XI of the Bylaws. A Registration Sheet is enclosed. The names of the Delegates and Alternates must be received by the Chairman of Credentials and Registration, Carole Thompson, 887 Route 539, New Egypt, NJ 08525, **postmarked no later than April 4th, 2026.**

Each Delegate and Alternate will receive HER OWN Credential Card at the Credentials and Registration Desk.

Registration Fee of Delegates, Alternates, Members or Guests/Visitors is \$50.00 if postmarked by April 4, 2026. If postmarked between April 5 to April 12, 2026, the Registration Fee is \$60.00. No registration will be accepted by mail postmarked after April 12, 2026. On-site registration for members or guests/visitors will be \$60.00. *No on-site registration for Delegates and Alternates will be available.*





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NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026 continued

The **Daily Registration Fee is \$30.00** if postmarked by April 4, 2026. If postmarked between April 5 and April 12, 2026, the Daily Registration Fee is \$35.00. No registration will be accepted by mail postmarked

after April 12, 2026. On-site Daily Registration for members or guests/visitors will be \$35.00.

No-on-site registration for delegates or alternates will be available

If an alternate is to become a delegate, this change can only be made by the Credentials and Registration Chairman at the Registration Desk and must be made no later than 10:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Only delegates are permitted to vote at the Business Sessions. Delegates and Alternates must be listed on the Voting Registration Sheet returned by the clubs.

Clubs are requested to study the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws (included in the CALL) and the Resolutions (mailed separately to Club Presidents) to ensure that their Delegates are informed of the issues.

NOTE: These are the only copies of the proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Resolutions you will receive. Please bring them to Convention.

Meal Tickets

Tickets will not be mailed. They are to be picked up at the Credentials and Registration Desk. Tickets **must** be purchased in advance.

Special meal requests must be made in advance on the Registration Form. No special meal requests will be considered on-site

- Sunday Dinner** – Opening Dinner..... \$75.00
- Monday Dinner** – Women of Achievement Award Ceremony
& Honoring State EX Club, Junior EX Club and EMD EX Club
Members \$75.00
- Tuesday Banquet** Honoring Club Presidents and
EMD Chairmen\$93

MEALS ARE OPEN TO ALL FEDERATION MEMBERS, VISITORS / NON-MEMBERS.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

All room reservations are to be made directly with the Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City before April 15th, 2026, by calling (609-449-6860. Group code GCLB26Z

The link for attendees to make reservations would be:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/GCLB26Z>

Single or Double Occupancy \$127.42 per night

These rates include the Atlantic City room tax of 13.625% and the & the \$30 Tourism Promotion/occupancy/resort fee.





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NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026 continued

Registration Hours – Big Cypress Foyer

Sunday4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Monday.....8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In ballroom 6:30PM to 7:30 PM
 Tuesday.....8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In Ballroom 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday.....8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Federation Exhibits – Brighton Ballroom II, III & IV

Check-in Monday 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
 Open Tuesday..... 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 12PM to 4:30 PM
 Pick-up Wednesday-----8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

NOTE: Positively no exhibits may be removed during the business session on Wednesday

Commercial Exhibits – Brighton Ballroom I

Open Monday..... 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Open
 Tuesday..... 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All Sessions of the Convention will convene promptly.

Sunday 5/3/26

1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting
 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Annual Convention Committee Meeting
 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Credentials & Registration Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Dinner – Open to all members (*Attire- Business Dressy*)

Monday

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Walk on the Boardwalk with the President**
 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. **Drum2BFit**
 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pre-Convention Board Meeting
 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ushers and Pages Meeting
 10:45 am to 11:45 a.m. Lunch
 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **“Bring a Friend, Make a Friend”
 Workshop**

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Opening Business Session
 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. State EX Club Meeting (Members Only) \
 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Social Hour – Women of Achievement
 honorees and guests (invitation only)
 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Social Hour – Open to all members (Cash Bar)
 7:00 p.m. Dinner – **“Toasting the Accomplishments of Women”**

EX Club Tributes and 40th Annual Women of Achievement Awards.

Open to all members (*Attire- Dressy*)



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NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026 continued

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. WORKSHOPS

DRUM2BFIT

“A Pathway to Great Meetings”

“Treasurers Count: Guardian of the Club”

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Business Session

11:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Voting

11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. WORKSHOPS

Book discussion

Craft

“All Aboard the Membership Train”

“The ABC’s of Raffles”

“Project Ideas are not a Big Secret”

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. District Performances

5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. District Photographs

5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Social Hour – Open to All Members (Cash Bar)

6:45 p.m. Dinner – **“Saluting our Stars”**

Honoring Club Presidents. Open to All Members – (*Attire- dressy cocktail*)

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Achievement Entries Pick Up

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Business Session

In Memoriam

Barbara McCloskey President

Jean Revis, Recording Secretary.



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The Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway On-line Cookbook Benefit



Our Denville Rockaway On-line Cookbook Committee (Geraldine Baillod, Louise Sassano, Florence Lucchesi and Ruth Gimbel) would like to start acquiring your favorite recipes for our Online Cookbook 2026 Woman's Club Benefit.

We would like you to include with your recipe one or more of the following:

1. The family member or friend who gave you this recipe and what wonderful memories you have of your loved one
2. The wonderful memories you conjure from this recipe
3. For what occasion was this recipe prepared for.
4. What is this recipe's cultural background.

This recipe could be in memory or tribute of someone

This recipe could be:

an appetizer, tapas or any other starter

entre (meat, seafood, pasta, casseroles, vegetarian and more)

desserts, breads, muffins, breakfast foods like pancakes or waffles, omelets, quiches and more

And all that I did not think of. You can add vegetarian or gluten free recipes

You may email your recipe(s) to Ruth Gimbel [-rgbutterfly777@gmail.com](mailto:rgbutterfly777@gmail.com) or,

if you have desserts, you may email your recipe(s) to Louise Sassano. louisesassano419@gmail.com

or you may bring one of your recipes to our April 2026 Woman's Club Meetings.

We are planning to include wonderful extra info, for you, in this recipe book.

Thank you to all of you who have submitted to our committee recipes already with your lovely stories



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April is

The Watchtower: Honoring the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. Palisades Interstate Park, 1929.



<https://njsfwc.org/about-njsfwc/watchtower/>

Several years of lobbying and study by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs led to the preservation of the Palisades from commercial development and to the creation of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission by New Jersey and New York. This stone watchtower, a replica of ancient watchtowers built on the Rhine River in Germany, was built on the Palisades Cliffs overlooking the Hudson River to honor the successful efforts of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs in stopping the quarrying industry from blasting the Palisades Cliffs to pieces. **The watchtower was dedicated on April 30, 1929.**

The plaque reads:

"This Federation Park and this structure are dedicated to the successful efforts of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club and of these men and women who aided in the opening years of the twentieth century in preserving these Palisades cliffs from destruction for the glory of God who created them and the ennobling of the generations which may henceforth enjoy them."

The Palisades in Peril: Meet the Forgotten Women Who Fought to Save the Great Cliffs of the Hudson River. Excerpts from

<https://www.nyhistory.org/blogs/palisades-peril-forgotten-women-saved>

At a time when women still didn't have the right to vote, environmental activism offered an acceptable form of civic engagement, allowing them to subtly thwart social norms and shape the world around them.

(The 3 Women, in NJSFWC, responsible for rallying NJSFWC to press for preservation of the white cliffs along the Palisades from demolition and creation of the Palisade Interstate Park are Edith Gifford, Elizabeth Vermilye and Cecilia Gaines)

One of those women was **Edith Gifford**, who was married to the State Forester of New Jersey at the time, Dr. John Gifford. The couple shared a passion for trees: Dr. Gifford was the founding editor of *New Jersey Forester*, which ultimately became *American Forestry*, the official journal of the U.S. Forest Service. For Edith Gifford, saving the Palisades was primarily about saving its forests...

Established in 1894, the NJSFWC took an interest in forestry from the beginning, and Gifford worked to bring those issues to the forefront. A newspaper report described her this way: "Mrs. Gifford is a New Jersey woman who makes a special study of forestry for the NJSFWC when not engaged in household duties."

Club members **Elizabeth Vermilye** and **Cecilia Gaines (later Holland)** lobbied New Jersey Governor Foster Voorhees, insisting on a new committee to investigate creating a public park. Vermilye and Gaines found powerful partners in the ASHPS across the river, whose president, Andrew Haswell Green, had been instrumental in the creation of Central Park. In an 1897

Women from the NJSFWC continued to lobby Governor Voorhees, while men from the ASHPS found support with New York's Governor Theodore Roosevelt. Their efforts eventually paid off with the creation of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC) in 1900, an official body that began buying or receiving tracks of land to save the Palisades from quarry operators. (Financier J.P. Morgan, for one, donated over \$125,000 to close the Carpenter Brothers' quarry.



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April is – Continued Child Abuse Prevention Month



Barbara McCloskey in the red Jacket.

Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President Together in Service ~ United in Friendship

Our club has supported Child advocate nonprofit organizations as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) <https://www.casamsc.org/> and SSP NJ Children Alliance/ Deidre’s House. <https://www.deirdreshouse.org/>

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month <https://njsfwc.org/april-is-child-abuse-prevention-month-2/>

Join our Pinwheels for Prevention® Campaign!

We ask you, your workplace, house of worship, school, or volunteer group to “plant” one or more pinwheel gardens. The pinwheel is joyful and evokes childlike notions, symbolizing our desire for all children to have happy and healthy childhoods.

To order pinwheels <https://pinwheels.preventchildabusenj.org/>
NJSFWC eConnection February 16, 2026, Early edition



Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President. Together in Service ~ United in Friendship

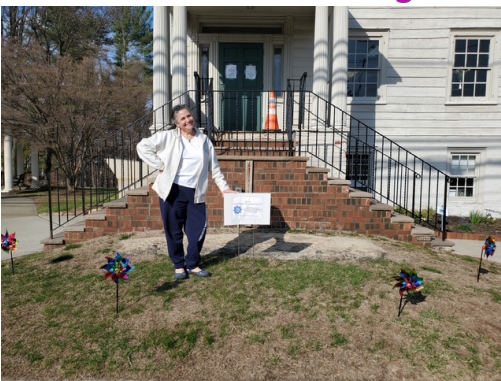
Wear Blue Day April 10

<https://njsfwc.org/wear-blue-day-april-10/>

Every April, on Wear Blue Day we wear blue to demonstrate our support for children’s well-being. Simply take a photo of yourself, your family, your colleagues, your friends, your volunteer group – or even your puppy – wearing blue and tag PCA-NJ on social media with the message: I’m wearing blue to support happy and healthy childhoods for all children. #WearBlueDay2026.

From NJSFWC eConnection
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Our Club Members Placing Pinwheels at Our Community Public Libraries



Vivien Contreras-Rockaway Township Public Library



Carolina Contreras- Rockaway Borough Public Library.
(Placement of pinwheels at Denville Public Library will take place April 1st)





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April is Continued

Volunteer Appreciation Month

Welcome <https://njsfwc.org/>

operationsmile.org @operationsmilecommunity njsfwc.org

Operation Smile

NEW JERSEY BUILDS HOPE

Join Operation Smile for a Day of Service and take on projects for our patients

April 13
10 AM to 1 PM

Operation Smile is a global nonprofit bridging the gap in access to essential surgeries and healthcare, starting with cleft surgery and care

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is the largest volunteer women's service organization in the state and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We provide opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time.

NJSFWC invite all Club Women to Join representatives from Operation Smile (for hands on service

project. <https://njsfwc.org/operation-smile-hands-on-project/>

Operation Smile Volunteer Day of Service, Monday April 13th, 2026. Join Operation Smile or a Volunteer Day at our Headquarters!



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Upcoming Events and Activities

DEADLINE FOR NJFWC TO RECEIVE REGISTRATION FOR NJFWC CONVENTION POST MARKED BY APRIL 4TH 2026

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE – APRIL 8TH – WEDNESDAY – 10AM – THE HANOVER MANOR – 16 EAGLE ROCK AVE., EAST HANOVER

BAPS SWAMINARAYAN HINDU TEMPLE – APRIL 9TH – THURSDAY – 11 AM TOUR – COST FREE -TRIP #11 112 N. MAIN STREET, ROBBINSVILLE, NJ- CONTACT MICHELE CESTARO FOR INFO

OPERATION SMILE, DAY OF SERVICE – APRIL 13TH – MONDAY- 10AM-1PM -NJFWC HEADQUARTERS (Pg 23)

WOMAN’S EVE MEETING – APRIL 20TH – MONDAY- 7PM -DENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH – PRESENTATION AT JBWS-DIANE WILLIAM

WOMAN’S DAY MEETING – APRIL 21ST- TUESDAY - 1PM– DENVILLE TOWNHALL -COMMUNITY ROOM

JEWELRY BUY BACK -BILORI – APRIL 21ST – 25TH TUESDAY TO SATURDAY– BILORI JEWELERS, DENVILLE (see flyer on page 11)

THATCHER MCGHEE BENEFIT – APRIL 23RD -26TH – THURSDAY TO SUNDAY - DENVILLE (see flyer on page 12)

DENVILLE FARMER’S MARKET – APRIL 26TH – 8AM – 1PM – BLOOMFIELD AVE, DENVILLE TICKETS for SPAMALOT (see flyer on page 14) AS WELL AS CATS MEOW PLAQUES WILL BE SOLD THERE. CONTACT VAL KENNY IF INTERESTED INVOLUNTEERING

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL – APRIL 26TH – SUNDAY- 12PM-4PM (see flyer on page 13)

EVE BOOK DISCUSSION – APRIL 27TH – MONDAY- 7PM -ANN WEISSENBURGER’S HOME – “THE LIES THEY TOLD” BY ELLEN MARIE WISEMAN

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB- WALKING OUTDOORS OR INDOORS- IF INTERESTED CONTACTT BARBARA MCCLOSKEY.



March 5th, 2026,
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Mary McAleer, Karen Lazur
Barbara McCloskey (sitting), Kathy H. & Janet W.



March 27th 2026
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Mary McAleer, Margaret Fourounjian, Susan Jancerak
Michele Cestaro, Karen Lazur, Janet Walker, Kathy Holland





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Sunshine Corner

Our well wishes for Ann Weissenburger to feel better and be on the road to recovery



Ann Ecke - April 3rd

Diane Toscano - April 11th

Margaret Newman - April 19th

Roseann Tonzola - April 20th

Dawn Kingshott - April 26th

Birthday Month Get Togethers ~~~

Feel free to share your birthday with other members that have their Birthdays the same month as yours with a get together, a walk in the park, lunch or afternoon tea.





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Welcome to our new members

Peg McCluskey, Elizabeth (Betsy) Basinski, Cheryl Knudsen, Adeline Terwilliger, Patricia Fairman and Deborah Harrington. Thank you to all our new members who have already contributed so much to our Woman's Club of Denville/ Rockaway



EVE BOOK DISCUSSION

April 27th – Monday- 7PM

“The Lies They Told”.

by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Location –Ann Weissenburger’s Home

Contact: Ann Weissenburger at 973-627-2509 or aweissenburger@yahoo.com



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**** Ongoing Club Collections ****

Updated 2/2024

All items can be brought to our meetings and given to the person collecting

**We are still collecting cell phones, ink cartridges and eyeglasses – Joan Bowling.*

- It takes a very long time to accumulate enough cell phones to redeem and we don't know the redemption value until they are sent back. The company does provide prepaid labels, so it doesn't cost us anything to recycle them.
- We no longer have contact with a company who will pay us for the ink cartridges, but we are recycling them so instead of tossing them in the trash give them to Joan Bowling.
- The eyeglasses are given to the Lion's Club who work with groups that send eyeglasses to third world countries. In our mission to reduce, reuse and recycle we are trying hard. Please bring these items to a meeting and give them to Joan Bowling.

***Greeting Cards - Nancy Levy.** Collecting the fronts of any type of greeting card.

***Birthday Bags – Joanne Chiaravalloti.** The Birthday Bag items consist of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday design plates and napkins, candles and a birthday gift bag. Joanne puts them together and gives them to Social Services for children.

***Small Toiletries – Nancy Levy.** These items, small and trial size, are needed for the care bags that are given to social services and other local organizations. They include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion.

FOOD COLLECTION.... For ROCKAWAY FOOD CLOSET Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St., Rockaway

This small pantry serves approximately 300 families a year.

Non-Perishables (Breakfast cereal, tuna, peanut butter, canned veggies, ramen, soup, crackers, drinks, desserts, cookies, canned fruit, canned meals, pasta, mac and cheese, beans, rice, snacks, etc.)

Health & Beauty Products (soap, bath gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent etc.)

Paper goods are a constant need too- paper towels and toilet paper.

Also shampoo, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergents.

Donations can be dropped off:

**the Food Closet- Presbyterian Church,
35 Church St.,
Rockaway, NJ. 07866**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-12:30. And

Tuesday 4-6 pm. Go around back door by cemetery.

If you make a donation, estimate the cost and

send to Pat Bomus at bomusp@msn.com who will put together a report for this project

If someone prefers to make a monetary donation, they can make check payable to:

Rockaway Food Closet. Janet Walker and Pat Bomus

Just a heads up! The Rockaway Food Closet at the Presbyterian Church, 35 Church Street, Rockaway Borough is continuously in need of food donations but they know their hours of operation are limited. Now you can drop food off at the main branches of the Rockaway Township and Rockaway Borough Libraries when they are open.



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Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update - April 2026

Check the websites to see what the library policies are and what are the latest updates

Rockaway Township Library: <http://www.rtlibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-2344

Rockaway Borough Library Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Library/Rockaway-Borough-Public-Library-117410801674019/>

Tel: 973-627-5709

Denville Library <http://www.denvillelibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-6555

Denville Library Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/>.

Both Denville and Rockaway Township continue to have virtual programs. Check out their websites for what these wonderful libraries continue to offer. Register for these virtual programs on their websites.

Check out this new *complementary* digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla" and "Libby"

DENVILLE LIBRARY EVENT DETAILS – CHECK ON WEBSITE.



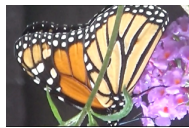
The Denville Library has passes to the following Museums.

Please check the museum's website to plan your visit.

- [Brooklyn Botanical Garden](#) (Brooklyn, NY)
- [Children's Museum of Manhattan](#) (New York, NY)
- [Fosterfields Living History Farm](#) (Morris Township, NJ)
- [The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum](#) (New York, NY)
- [Montclair Art Museum](#) (Montclair, NJ)
- [Morris Museum](#) (Morristown, NJ)
- [The Museum of the American Revolution](#) (Philadelphia, PA)
- [The New York Transit Museum](#) (Brooklyn, NY)
- [Newark Museum of Art](#) (Newark, NJ)
- [Storm King Art Center](#) (New Windsor, NY)
- [USS Constitution](#) (Charlestown, MA).



Please e-mail newsletter articles to Ruth G. rgbutterfly777@gmail.com 3 days before end of month



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