

## May 2025

# Presídent's Message

May is the month of promise and the sweet beginnings of summer." – Unknown

I know everyone will agree that we feel happier now that spring has arrived! It feels like the start of a new year when the leaves come out on the trees and flowers

burst through to show their vibrant colors.

For our Club it means we are close to the end of the "fiscal year" which is our budgetary cycle; July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is the time of year when we evaluate our finances and plan for expenditures for the next year. At the upcoming May meetings, we will review and approve the new Operating Budget for 2024-25. We have already approved disbursement of funds raised in 2024 for scholarships and donations to nonprofit organizations in our community. We are proud that we were able to offer over \$5000 in scholarship money in our community for high school girls who participated in community service, women who are seeking a career in healthcare and enrolled in the LPN program at Morris County School of Technology, sponsorships for high school students to participate in the Girls Career Institute held at Rutgers University, a JBWS woman enrolled in an educational program to enhance her career and path toward independence, and eighth grade school students who exhibit outstanding effort.

In addition, we have donated over \$2500 to various non-profit organizations throughout the community such as the public libraries, food pantries, pet shelters, homeless organizations, hurricane relief funds, orphanages and social service organizations. This is all above the in-kind donations we have collected and contributed to some of the same community non-profits.

We have been successful this past year in our fundraising efforts. We have fulfilled our mission to "support both organizations and individuals in need by contributing either time, monetary or in-kind donations."

As we move into the 2025 fiscal year we basically start with an empty pot to fill with money!

We welcome all members to assist with fundraising. Don't be shy if you think you have a potential fundraising idea. Raise your hand at meetings or contact anyone on the Executive Board.

Yours in federation friendship!

Janet Walker

#### **Calendar of Events**

- May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 1PM Scrabble at Susan Wiedaseck's Home
- May 5<sup>TH-</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> Monday to Wednesday NJSFWC Annual Convention
- Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City
   May 7<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday
- Roots & Wings Gala Event set up 12PM -5PM & Gala Event 5PM- 10PM
- May 8<sup>TH</sup> Thursday -1;30 PM afternoon show PNC Free Concerts- Duke Ellington Orchestra
- May 10<sup>TH</sup> Saturday- 9am-11am Rockaway Township Cleanup -Egbert's Lake 864 Green Pond Road, Rockaway
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Monday- 7:00 PM Eve Meeting Denville Community Church Speaker from "Navigating Hope"
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1:00 PM Day Meeting Denville Townhall Hall- Community Room Speaker from "Navigating Hope"
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11AM -1PM Day NourishNJ – Dover NJ – Help prepare meals
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Friday-4-8 PM Dining to Donate Panera- Denville - Shoppes at Union Hill
- •May 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday -9:30 am Lakota Wolf Preserve, Columbia
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday -1:30 PM PNC Free Concerts-Forever Donna Summer
- June 1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Wednesday GCI – Girl's Career Institute "Mini College
- & Career Exploration Experience "
- Douglass Residential College, Rutgers Univ. •June 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 7PM- Book Discussion
- Ann Weissenburger's Home
  - The Home for Unwanted Girls
- June 6<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Friday Monday
   GFWC Annual Convention
   Omni Hotel Atlanta, Georgia
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Friday Stickley Museum, Morris Plains
- Sign up at May meeting Michele Cestaro • June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Sunday. NJSFWC Picnic NJSFWC Headquarter, New Brunswick
- •July 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday- 1 PM
- **Combined Woman's Club Meeting**
- Community Room Denville Town Hall •July 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2:00 PM
- Somerset Baseball Game





### **April Events**

### **April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday – 10 AM – **Highlands District Spring Conference.** The Hanover Manor – 16<sup>th</sup> Eagle Rock Ave. East Hanover



The Highlands District Spring Conference was held at The Hanover Manor on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Several members including Janet Walker, Phyllis Duddy, Geraldine Baillod, Barbara McCloskey & Nancy Levy represented our club. The keynote speaker was NJSFWC President Elect Susan Chambers. Her speech held the audience's attention as she compares the attributes of her dog, which people could learn from, such as caring, patience, and love. District awards in recognition of the "Best All Around Work" in various categories for clubs were presented. In the category of clubs with membership above 41, our club received New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Certificates of Merit in Leadership, Legislation/Policy and Environment

(L-R) Geraldine Baillod, Nancy Levy,

Barbara McCloskey, Susan Chambers, Janet Walker& Phyllis Duddy We are very proud of the work that we do in the communities we serve and appreciate the recognition from

NJSFWC for the efforts of our members who contribute their time and talents to make our club a success. *Janet Walker.* Thank you Janet for the photos





Janet Walker presenting her report on our Woman's Club





### April 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday - 7PM – Classical Music Concert- Morris Museum Daniel Colalillo Piano Trio. Margaret Fourounjian created this benefit to raise money for our

Margaret Fourounjian created this benefit to raise money for our Scholarships. Margaret was able to negotiate a special group rate for our Woman's Club members for these Morris Museum Tickets. Then she added a small fee to each ticket to go toward the

Scholarship fund. Aside from a memorable event, listening to the beautiful music of Daniel Colalillo Piano Trio (playing the music of Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Liebermann and Higdon) about \$300 was raised with about 50% of our members attending. Margaret hopes to organize another such wonderful event this fall. Thank you to Margaret Fourounjian. Check out Daniel Colalilo's website. <u>www.danielcolalillo.com</u>



**Piano Trio** 

featuring Special Gues

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### April Events Continued April 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 1PM Assembling of Spring Baskets.



Our Club had another very successful collection in the community for our Spring Basket Project. Chocolate bunnies, candy and toys galore! Susan Wiedaseck and Cathy Zollo organized the project and with the help of many members crated 59 baskets loaded with candy. Baskets were delivered to the Denville Social Services and Rockaway Holiday Wishes for social service children. Extra was delivered to St Peters Orphanage in Denville. Thank you to all who participated in this project. Janet Walker

(L-R) Susan Wiedaseck, Cathy Zollo (Hostess). Mary McAleer, Ellen Duffin, Margaret Fourounjian Karen Lazur (foreground)

Thank you Karen Lazur for the photos



(L-R) Ellen Duffin, Susan Wiedaseck. & Margaret Fourounjian.



(L-R) Mary McAleer, Cathy Zollo, Janet Walker & Sheela McGlone





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### April Events Continued April 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday -7PM -Eve Meeting Denville Community Church



At our woman's club evening meeting we had a JBWS presentation by Director Diane Williams. Janet Walker invited Diane Williams to present to her our club's JBWS Scholarship check of \$400 recipient for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Diane Williams gave a brief but very interesting informative presentation, giving us some background history of JBWS, commemorating it's 50th year Anniversary in 2026. The then grass root organization was started by a group of women determined to protect women who were victims of domestic violence. Diane thanked our club for our continuous support of her Morris County JBWS. And she showed us how recipients of our scholarships, thru the years, furthered their education to acquire better paying jobs. Diane's talk, about 9 min presentation, was followed by a good 4-minute Q&A session. Janet, following presenting of our JBWS scholarship check to Diane, asked if JBWS would be interested in any of our children books collected in our May

(L-R). Janet Walker & Diane Williams Children's Book Drive, JBWS responsible for children. Diane answered yes. Link to Diane Williams Presentation <u>https://youtu.be/exA-cJtn8L0</u> (Janet mentioned Child Abuse Prevention Pinwheels). Photo Karen Lazur.

Before Janet covered our agenda, Janet spoke about the GFWC Women's Club Highlands District Spring Conference event, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Janet read to us the report that she presented at the conference and showed the awards our club received. Link to Janet's presentation. <u>https://youtu.be/ovKiuEO2eVg</u>

### April 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday - 1PM -Day Meeting Denville Town Hall –

### Doughnuts with Assemblywoman Dunn



New Jersey assemblywoman Aura Dunn planned the event at our April women's club day meeting, "Donuts with Dunn" where she spoke about her position and the policies and legislation she has been involved in. Before Assemblywoman Dunn's talk Rockaway Township Mayor Joe Jackson and Rockaway Borough Mayor Tom Mulligan gave an intro to Assemblywoman Dunn. After Assemblywoman Dunn gave her presentation she answered questions from our woman's club members. Link to the Mayor's & Barbara's intro to Assemblywoman Dunn. <u>https://youtu.be/eLOOStAbbK4</u> Link to Assemblywoman Dunn's Presentation. <u>https://youtu.be/pbCjt9ZD11M</u> Assemblywoman Dunn 's Q&A Part 1 <u>https://youtu.be/6Owg9e2fhho</u> Part 2 https://youtu.be/dT32rVaHMkI Part 3 https://youtu.be/oVc3wPs6zyk

(L-R). Barbara McCloskey, Assemblywoman Aura Dunn and Janet Walker Photo by Karen Lazur









Mayor Joe Jackson. Mayor Tom Mulligan. (L-R) Elizabeth Weigand Rockaway Township. Rockaway Borough. 2 Girl Media

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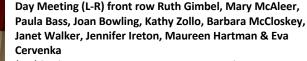
### **April Events Continued**

### April 14<sup>th</sup> - Eve Woman's Club Eve Meeting & April 15<sup>th</sup> - Day Woman's Club Meeting

Janet Walker reminded our members, prior to our meeting, to wear Blue in recognition of "April is National Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month" via email.



Eve Meeting (L-R) front row - Val Kenny, Ruth Gimbel (incognito), Vivian Contreras & Karen Lazur (L-R) back row Marisa Pisano. Ellen Duffin, Kathy Holland, Susan Wiedaseck, Janet Walker, Nancy Levy & Michele Cestaro



(L-R) back row Lynn Groneman, Connie Zambrie, Ann Weissenburger, Margaret Fourounjian, Nancy Fitch, Roseann Tonzola, Florence Lucchesi, Susan Jancerek, Alice Birney (behind Paula Bass) Gloria O'Connor, Marg Dobbins, Margaret Newman, Lisa Farrell, (apologies- some members are hidden) Photos by Karen Lazur. (Not all members present at meetings are present in group photos)



Our Pinwheel Displays in Rockaway & Denville



(L-R) Barbara McCloskey & Janet Walker. Rockaway Libraries.



Denville Library.



Denville Town Hall



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Assemblywoman Aura Dunn

New Jersey's 25th Legislative District

District Newsletter April 2025

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Donuts with Dunn at the Women's Club Denville-Rockaway Meeting

I had the pleasure of speaking at the Women's Club of Denville-Rockaway meeting this month at Denville Town Hall. It was an honor to connect with such a dedicated group of women committed to addressing vital community issues.

During our gathering, I discussed my ongoing legislative efforts regarding veterans' support, tax relief, and education. The members were engaged and had insightful questions, including concerns about the recent closure of Route 80. It was a meaningful exchange, and I appreciated the opportunity to share updates on the issues that matter most to our community.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the discussion. Together, we can continue to advocate for the needs of our community and ensure that every voice is heard.



Barbara McCloskey shared Assemblywoman Aura Dunn's Newsletter with us. This is the part of her April Newsletter where Assemblywoman Dunn posted about her visit to our club. This is just an excerpt of the April Newsletter.



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At both meeting the agenda was followed, varying according to the Committee members present. At the evening meeting Janet Walker led the meeting. At the day meeting both President Janet Walker and Vice President Jenn Ireton shared leading the meeting. Jane Walker, at both meetings, brought us up to date about the GFWC Highland's District Spring Conference on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Janet told us about the 3 awards awarded to your club (see Event) (In photo Janet shows flyer about our Children's Book Collection for May.) During our Woman's Club Eve Meeting Janet read to us the Update Report she gave at the Highland's District Spring Conference.

#### (L-R) Janet Walker and Jennifer Ireton

Barbara McCloskey gave us an update on NJSFWC to our Club's Day meeting.



Link to Barbara's Presentation - https://youtu.be/1C8VxOmHJJM Nancy Levy gave the NJSFWC update at our Club's Eve Meeting. The meetings varied depending on the Chairs that were present at the meetings, though the same agenda was followed. To get a detailed account of the meetings, once again we have received, by Janet Walker, via email, the detailed minutes of the April Meetings thanks to our Club's corresponding secretaries, Susan Wiedaseck (eve meeting) and Florence Lucchesi (Day Meeting). Sadly, Janet told us Susan Richardson informed her that the new Board of Joey Bella are deciding against a Joey Bella Tricky Tray this year. Susan Richardson thanked our

club for all the years of our Club members' volunteering for the Joey Bella Tricky Tray.

# **April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday - 11AM -1PM **NourishNJ** – Dover NJ - Help prepare meals



On Wednesday, April 16th, seven club members volunteered at NourishNJ. Over 130 meals were prepared, vegetables were cut, donations were sorted, and the market in front was staffed by ladies giving out fruits, vegetables, and toothpaste. We love working with Nourish, and they appreciate our volunteers!

Pictured from left to right: Vivian Contreras, Karen Lazur, Sheela McGlone, Lisa Farrell, Kathy Holland, Florence Lucchesi & Val Kenny



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### April Events Continued April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday - Reeves - Reed Abortorium. Summit New Jersey



We were given a tour, which included seasonal bloom highlights, historic garden areas, and a visit to the historic Wisner House, a Coloinial Revival home, built in 1889. 14 members attended. There is an Art Exhibition, titled "Gardens on the Hill", which brings together a curated selection of works from artists across the United States, including New Jersey. Our next road trip will be to the Stickley Museum in Morris Plains on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet will be at the May meetings. *Michele Cestaro* **Photo by Janet Walker** 



Front Row (L-R) seated Mary McAleer, Geraldine Baillod, Susan Weidaseck, Ann Weissenburger Back Row (L-R) standing Sheela McGlone, Susan Jancerak, Kathy Holand, Guide, Jenn Ireton, Nancy Fitch, Janet Walker, Eva Cervenka, Margaret Fourounjian, Michele Cestaro and Ellen Duffin (id of members from left photo). Photos by Michele Cestaro





### **April Events Continued**

### April 27th – Sunday – 12PM. Hunger Walk 2025 for NourishNJ



### County College of Morris https://nourishnj.akaraisin.com/ui/hw25

On Sunday, April 27th, NourishNJ held its annual Hunger Walk at the County College of Morris. Several hundred people were there to support this worthy cause by either running, walking, or simply donating money. Ruth Gimbel, Vivian Contreras, her daughter, Carolina, and Val Kenny walked the campus in cold, windy conditions. Our team raised almost \$600 for NourishNJ, so far. Before the walk started at noon, NourishNJ sold 50/50 tickets, a food truck was selling hot food, and kids could get their faces painted. Our club loves working with NourishNJ, and we are proud to have helped them raise money. *Val Kenny* 



(L-R) Val Kenny, Vivian Contreras & Caroline Contreras.



(L-R). Ruth Gimbel, Vivian Contreras. & Carolina Contreras



Part of the team





https://www.nourishnj.org/

This is the card we were given at registration

Net pay after taxes & deductions: \$2,900

HUNGER WALK 2025 nourish.NJ

• Job 1: \$15.49/hour for 35

 Job 2: \$15.49/hour for 25 hours/week

hours/week

\*YOU WORK 2 JOBS PER MONTH, EACH PAYING NJ MINIMUM WAGE. THIS IS YOUR PAYSTUB FOR THE MONTH:

There were stop stations along the route that illustrated the financial challenges a New Jersey family faces today.



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### **April Events Continued**

### April 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 12 PM – 4P. Spring Festival- Rockaway Township

### **Public Library**



Our Woman's Club table was set up, once again, at this year's Rockaway Township Public Library Spring Festival, thanks to Ann Weissenburger. Two members, Shraddha Agarwal and new member, Arlene Zimmerman volunteered to help Ann at the table. They helped children plant marigold seeds that they gave to the children, in little pots that could be taken home. Word and maze games were there to take home. Little stickers to stick on their hands or jackets were a hit. Material on our Woman's Club was displayed. Our banner adorned the table. A big crowd enjoyed all the festivities. Ruth & Ann Weissenburger.

(L-R) Shraddha Agarwal & new member Arlene Zimmerman handing seeds to a child

### April 30<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday - 11AM -1PM NourishNJ – Dover NJ - Help prepare meals



Nine Members of our Woman's Club volunteered, for the second time this month, organized by our Val Kenny, to help in assembling meals, at the NourishNJ location in Dover. We were positioned at different stations ranging from cutting up tomatoes, cucumbers and whatever other vegetables needed slicing to boxing salads and meals recipients can take to have family mealtimes at their homes. Thanks to those of the staff we met, Tesean and Jose who gently directed us and supplied us with the implements we needed to carry out the tasks, as well as Sami, who took our group photo, in midst of rush.



(L-R) Connie Zambri, Janet Walker, Geraldine Baillod. Margaret Newman, Eva Cervenka, Mary McAleer, Ruth Gimbel, Roseann Tonzola & Cathy Zollo.





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### May is:

**National Day of Prayer May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.** is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, a ceremony of prayer. Our local communities of Denville Township and Rockaway Township will hold their National Day of Prayer

#### Denville Township

**Date:** May 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday **Time:** 12 P.M. noon to 12:30 P.M. **Location:** Denville Town Hall (recommended to come as early as 11 AM). The ceremony is interfaith, different clergy from different faiths, in our community, are asked to join the prayer ceremony.

#### **Rockway Township**

Date: May 1, 2025. Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Parks Lake Gazebo Address: 15 Mount Hope Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866 Contact: 973-627-7200 x2074 (rain location: Town Hall)

**Memorial Day** National Memorial Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Monday in May. National Memorial Day is formally known as Decoration Day, the day that commemorated the Union and Confederate soldiers, who died during the American Civil War. Later the day was extended to honor all American soldiers, who died while in the military service. (from 2024)

### Nurses Week - Tue, May 6, 2025 – Mon, May 12, 2025



This year's theme, "The Power of Nurses to Transform Health," is about celebrating how nurses improve healthcare, spark innovation, and put patients first. Throughout the week, healthcare organizations celebrate their teams, and you'll even see nurses featured on the news. People across the nation thank the nurses who have made a difference in their lives. <u>https://nurse.org/articles/nurses-week/</u>

Thank you to our Members who are/were nurses-, Sheela McGlone, Vivian Contreras & Susan Wiedaseck and any other of our member who serves or served as a nurse.

**Get Caught Reading Month** The month of May our Woman's Club, organized by Michele Cestaro, is organizing a book drive, "Spring into Readying" aiming to collect 130 new children's books for ages from 5years to 11 years



# Mental Health Awareness Month. <u>https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/mental-health-awareness-month/</u>

This May, take action, raise your voice, and help change the conversation around mental

health! Since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been a driving force in addressing the challenges faced by millions of Americans living with mental health conditions. Now, more than ever, NAMI needs you to be part of this movement. Share a story. *Theme: "In Every Story, There's Strength"* 

May is time to think about taking out the suntan lotion and tick repellent, if you did not already.



### Skin Cancer Awareness Month

### **National Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

May, a month-long focus, is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of sun safety and early detection of skin cancer. Skin cancer is one of the most

common types of cancer globally, yet it is also one of the most preventable.





**Lyme Disease Awareness Month** LYME DISEASE IS A GROWING EPIDEMIC AFFECTING MILLIONS IN OVER 80 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.

https://projectlyme.org/ We had a zoom presentation by Jennifer Hoffmann from PL.



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## GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER NJSFWC 130 years

NJSFWC 131<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION – MAY 5<sup>TH -</sup> MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – MONDAY - WEDNESDAY HARD ROCK CAFÉ - ATLANTIC CITY

NJSFWC GCI (Girls College College) – June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY

HIGHLAND'S DISTRICT MEETING – June 11<sup>TH</sup> - WEDNESDAY – 6PM – THURSDAY MORNING CLUB MADISON

NJSFWC PICNIC - JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> - SUNDAY – 1PM – 4PM CELEBRATING 60 YEARS NJSFWC HEADQUARTERS NEW BRUNSWICK



**Book Collection** 

# **During Month of May**

<u>New Books Only – ages 5 yrs to 11 yrs</u>

For Local Community Programs Sponsored by the *Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway* 

### (bring books to our Woman's Club May Meetings)



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Thank you to Kathy Holland for forwarding this community service opportunity to me.

Root & Wings is preparing for their annual Gala fundraiser and is seeking volunteers to help with various tasks. I know in the past some of you have signed up to assist with mailings. If you want to volunteer, please respond directly to R&W director, Kayla Gross. Let me know if you volunteer because we can log those community service hours for our club. Janet Walker

Good afternoon everyone!

I hope you have had a wonderful start to 2025. I am writing to share some exciting news: Roots & Wings is shaking up our fundraising events this year—beginning with switching the dates. Our annual Gala, previously in the Fall, will now be taking place in the Spring on **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. I will need volunteer support in the following areas:



Hi Ladies,

May 7<sup>th</sup>: Day of Event Volunteers

a. 12pm-5pm

Assist with setting up auction tables, putting out center pieces, putting up signs, other setup needs b. 5pm-11pm

There will be various tasks such as helping at the registration table, checking out auction winners, helping to take photos, and clean up

Please email me directly (do not reply all) to let me know if you are interested in helping with any of the above! <u>Kayla.gross@rootsandwingsnj.org</u>

Thank you so much

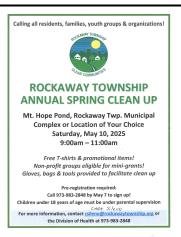
-Kayla Kayla Gross Development Director 862-294-2041 www.rootsandwingsnj.org





## May 2025





### **Rockaway Township Spring Clean Up**

## Saturday, May 10, 2025 At Egbert's Lake – 9:00am to 11:am

864 Green Pond Rd, Rockaway



April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and the 25<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day. What better time to do something for our environment.

### We qualify for a \$300. Mini grant for doing this.

The Township supplies vests, grabbers, gloves and trash bags. Wear your grungy clothes. We can do a walk around the lake while picking up trash.

### **Breakfast Bags for Navigate Hope**



- small box of Cereal
- box of shelf stable milk like Parmalat
- Small 100 % juice (like apple or orange) carton
- Granola breakfast bar
- Fruit cup
- plastic spoon
- <u>Napkin</u>. You can add a note of encouragement

Please bring these Breakfast Bags to our May Meetings in one-quart plastic bags.





May 2025



#### 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-first Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
- Time Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday May 5-7, 2025
- 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.

RegistrationAll attendees, including Delegates, Alternates, Members, Guests and<br/>Visitors must register as soon after arrival as possible.Credentials must<br/>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, 2025**.

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

\$45.00 if postmarked by April 4, 2025. If postmarked between

April 5 to April 12, 2025, the Registration Fee is \$55.00. No registration will

be accepted by mail postmarked after **April 12**, **2025**. On-site registration for members or guests/visitors will be \$55.00. *No on-site registration for Delegates and Alternates will be available*.







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#### **Registration Hours – Big Cypress Foyer**

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 IV**

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

12:30 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 - "Celebrating 60 Years in Our Home" 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
9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	"Fun" in Fundraising Workshop
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.	"Celebrate, Connect, and Converse"
_	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. Dimension (Cash Bar)

### 7:00 p.m. Dinner – "Celebrating Women" EX Clubs Tributes and 40th Annual Women of Achievement Awards

#### Open to all members (*Attire-Business Dressy*)







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#### Tuesday

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

### DRUM2BFIT "Stress Free Solutions: A Workshop for Real Impact"

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

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

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. WORKSHOPS Book discussion Craft "Let's Take Time to Celebrate Our Successes" "All Members Are Leaders"

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)

7:00 p.m. Dinner – **"Celebrating the Past and the Present"** 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 Honor Roll, Order of the Lily

The **Daily Registration Fee is \$25.00** if postmarked by April 4, 2025. If postmarked between April 5 and April 12, 2025, the Daily Registration Fee is \$30.00. No registration will be accepted by mail postmarked after April 12, 2025. On-site Daily Registration for members or guests/visitors will be \$55.00.

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 than10:00 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.







### NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION 2025 continued

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

### 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 25**, **2025**, by calling (609)-449-6860, Group code: GCLB25Z. The link for attendees to make reservations would be: <u>http://book.passkey.com/go/GCLB25Z</u>





### Pathways of History Tour 2025 May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday & May 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday



Note: No. 8 Ayres Knuth Farm, Cooper Road, Denville is scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2025, from 12PM to 5PM

Other Events in Denville & Rockaway May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 -Thursday -Denville National Day – 12noon. Rockaway. – 7PM

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Monday – Denville Memorial Day Parade- 10 AM

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Monday – Rockaway Township Memorial Day Parade- 11:30 AM



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Upon arrival, visitors can either enjoy a ½ mile nature walk to the preserve or grab a ride on our shuttle bus-whichever you choose, both will be available to you. Once there, you will be invited into an observation area in the center of the preserve, surrounded by 4 packs of wolves. During this informative guided presentation, visitors will learn about the social structure of wolf packs, their eating habits, interactions, and other interesting facts. During this time, you will be able to observe the wolves playing and interacting with each other

in natural, wooded habitats. Following the wolf-watch, you will be guided to another area to see and learn about the preserve's foxes, bobcat, and lynx. The preserve is all outdoors, with no shelter from inclement weather. Please dress and plan appropriately. Closed toe / flat shoes are suggested, as are sunscreen, raincoats, umbrellas, jackets, etc. Open-back shoes are not permitted on the hiking trail. Our tours are held rain or shine. **Date:** Wednesday, May 21st

Time: Must be there at 9:30-10:00 for 10:30 tour – Tour runs 75 minutes Place: Lakota Wolf Preserve, 9 Mt Pleasant Road, Columbia NJ 07832 Cost: \$18.06 (\$16 plus \$2.06 taxes and fees)

### **PNC BANK ARTS CENTER FREE SHOWS**

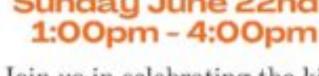




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# May 2025 NJSFWC EADQUARTERS PICNIC Sunday June 22nd



Join us in celebrating the kick off of Headquarters 60th Anniversary \$10.00 per person, \$25.00 for a family of 3 or morece



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# CONTACT RISA PISANO TO PURCHASE TICKETS. RISA HAS THE SEATING BLOCKS TO ARRANGE.



I received a phone call from Chris Hoffman of TV35 Public Access Fios channel from Cranford who has a number of programs. One of them is a new show called "Life with Lori". Lori visits towns thru out New Jersey. In this episode Lori visits Denville. You will love this program. https://youtu.be/W2Ux5HFUWRc





## May 2025

#### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

SCRABBLE – MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY – 1PM- SUSAN WIEDASECK'S HOME

NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION- MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY - HARDROCK CAFÉ, **ATLANTIC CITY** 

ROOTS AND WINGS GALA EVENT – MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – 12PM-5PM SETUP 5PM-6PM GALA –"THE GRAND" IN TOTOWA

PNC BANK ARTS CENTER FREE CONCERTS - MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 1:30 PN - DUKE ELLINGTON ORCHESTR -HOLMDEL

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP - EGBERT'S LAKE - MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY -9AM-11AM EGBERT'S LAKE. 864 GREEN POND ROAD,

WOMAN'S CLUB EVE MEETING - MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY- 7PM - DENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH-SPEAKER FROM "NAVIGATING HOPE. - BREAKFAST BAGS FOR "NAVIGATE HOPE" & "BOOKS" (SEE PG 12)

WOMAN'S CLUB DAY MEETING - MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> - TUESDAY - 1PM - DENVILLE TOWN HALL - COMMUNITY ROOM SPEAKER FROM "NAVIGATING HOPE.- BREAKFAST BAGS FOR "NAVIGATE HOPE" & "BOOKS"(SEE PG 12)

NOURISHNJ – MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> - WEDNESDAY – 11AM-1PM – DOVER NJ – HELP PREPARE MEALS TO GO

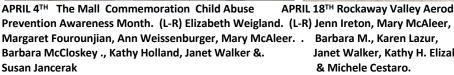
DINING TO DONATE – MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY – 4 PM TO 6PM – PANERA - SHOPPES AT UNION HILL, DENVILLE

LAKOTA WOLF PRESERVE – MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - WEDNESDAY – 9:30 AM – DOVER NJ – LAKOTA WOLF PRESERVE – **COLUMBIA** 

PNC BANK ARTS CENTER FREE CONCERTS - MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> - 1:30 PN - FOREVER DONNA SUMMERS - HOLMDEL

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB - CONTACT BARBARA MCCLOSKEY.









APRIL 18TH Rockaway Valley Aerodrome April 25th Jonathan Woods (L-R) Mary McAleer, Michele Cestaro, Janet Walker (back) Barbara M. Janet Walker, Kathy H. Elizaberh W. Susan J. Kathy H. & Karen L.



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& Michele Cestaro.



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# Sunshine Corner

Get Well to Carol Johnson, recovering from an operation



Eva Cervenka - May 9<sup>th</sup> Ann Weissenburger - May 22<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Valente - May 23<sup>rd</sup>

### ~~~ 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 safely, lunch or afternoon tea.







Welcome to our new members.

Randy Shapiro (a returing member), Joan Day De Ramos, Vivian Contreras, Geraldine Baillod, Connie Pojanowski, Joan Henry, Roseann Tonzola, Maureen Hartman, Angela Homa, Marisa Pisano (a returning member) and Arlene Zimmerman.

#### May is National Get Caught Reading Month

Our Woman's Club is having a May Book Drive, Spring into Reading, organized by Michele Cestaro. The Collection is for new Children's Book from ages 5 years to 11 years, fiction & nonfiction. Collection boxes will be placed at local sights in Denville & Rockaway. Members may bring their purchased new children's books to our club's May Meetings. We are aiming to collect 130 books.





**EVE BOOK DISCUSSION** June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday- 7PM "The Home for Unwanted Girls" by Joanne Goodman Location –Ann Weissenburger's Home Contact: Ann Weissenburger at 973-627-2509 or aweissenburger@yahoo.com





## \*\* 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.)

<u>Health & Beauty Products</u> (soap, bath gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent etc.) <u>Paper goods</u> 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 <u>bomusp@msn.com</u> 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.





## May 2025

### Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update - May 2025.

### (May is National Get Caught Reading Month)

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-

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Tel: 973-627-5709

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

Denville Library Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/</u>. 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 <u>complementary</u> digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla"* 

### 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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