
Flemington Woman's Club



Summer, 2016



President's Message

Although the Club doesn't meet during the summer months, there is a great deal of activity from Board members and other volunteers. The full Board, both the outgoing and incoming, met at Diane Dzurenko's recently and we had a great working lunch to brainstorm ideas for new and interesting activities for our members.

As Vice President, Marie Stemple is responsible for contacting and scheduling speakers and activities for our meetings and so far has a great line-up. Lee Van Nest is setting up a shopping event with Talbot's to get a discount day for us and is also checking into other activities that will appeal to various members. We plan to start a monthly "Lunch Bunch" which will meet at different restaurants and are adding a knitting and needlework department/club to meet the interests of many members. We are also looking into possible day trips and other activities. From the feedback we have received from many of you, and the enthusiasm of the Board members, I believe that 2016-17 should be a great year.

I have inherited the responsibility of leading this club from Diane Dzurenko, our immediate past President, who made some outstanding changes and improvements. Her dedication and hard

work to the FWC will be hard to match, but I will do my utmost to continue this positive leadership.

Most of us have very busy lives. As members of a service club we all volunteer in one way or another, but the Board and I intend to make the hours you spend in meetings and activities a highlight of the month. Help us to make that happen. There are many ways that you can be actively involved. Be willing to do your fair share of Club work.

Alone we can do little, but together we can achieve great things

Have a very happy summer,

Jennifer Dowd, President



Fall Fundraiser

This year's major fundraiser will be held at the Farmhouse at the Grand Colonial. While we do make some money from the luncheon, the main income comes from the Tricky Tray and the Ad Journal. Both of these need the support of all our membership in order to make them successful.

Jennifer Dowd, the current FWC President, has again agreed to Chair the entire event and will also take a major

role in the solicitation of ads for the Journal as well as coordinating with the printers. It is no small job and she needs the help of many others in the Club. Each year a few members canvass businesses they know and bring in ads but we need more help.

If each of you committed to just one ad, we could earn substantially more for our charities. During the summer, Marie Stemple, FWC Vice President, and Jennifer will email or snail mail an Ad Journal form, with prices, and also a listing of all the businesses which have received a soliciting letter from Jennifer. We hope that each of you will do your best to produce at least one ad

The main money maker of the fundraiser is, of course, the Tricky Tray. Marie Stemple will chair the overall activity and also take responsibility for collecting many of the gifts and displaying them at The Grand Colonial. For the past few years this has been done by Rose DeMario and, as you all have seen, it was spectacular. We need to do as well or even better this year, and to do that it will take many volunteers. As with the Ad Journal, if each member in the Club will produce even a single gift of a basket, an item, or a gift card, the workload would be so much more reasonable. Again, there has been a group of dedicated members who each year spend some time soliciting gifts, but that group needs to grow substantially. Please, do your part to support the Club.

Talbots Fundraiser

Keep Thursday, September 22nd open ! FWC is pleased to announce our partnership with Talbots in

Flemington for a special **Charity Shopping Fundraiser event** in-store this September! Members, friends, relatives, neighbors, and the public are invited to the 'Night of Shopping' event on Thursday, September 22nd Talbots, The Shoppes of Flemington, 100 Reaville Rd., Flemington. Join us for a fun, causal night out!



Sunshine

Betty Davy has volunteered to chair the Sunshine Department. Thanks, Betty! If you know of any members that need encouragement or cheering up, please let **Betty Davy** know.

Book Club News



Book Club will be on September 28th at Diane Dzurenko's home.

Trouble Maker by Leah

Remini will be the book for discussion. Juanna Nastasi will be the Moderator. **All members are welcome to attend.** Please call or email Diane Dzurenko 908-237-0479 dianedzurenko@hotmail.com to let her know if you are attending.

The Little House on Park



We started in December with the collection of loose change and did not have a meeting in February. So in the 5 months of meetings, we collected \$193.45. I feel this was a terrific beginning and hope this generosity will continue when we start up in the fall. Over the summer members could collect their change and bring it to

our first meeting. All proceeds go into the Clubhouse maintenance fund.



October Meeting Speaker

Our October Club meeting will have as speaker the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse, NJ. Prevent Child Abuse is the NJSFWC Special Project for the next two years. Members are asked to bring, **as the monthly donation for October, either purple hats for newborns or purple knitting yarn** to be made into hats by our knitting and crocheting group.



Gardeners Needed

Gardeners are needed to keep the beds around the clubhouse weed free and watered. Please let Jennifer Dowd know if you are available.

College District Council Meeting

The College District June Council Meeting was held on Thursday Evening, June 23, at NJSFWC's Headquarters in New Brunswick. The meeting was led by College District VP Maribeth Hugelmeyer. 57 members of the College District attended the meeting. Jennifer Dowd & Marie Stemple represented the **Flemington Woman's Club and provided the dinner for the attendees.**



Clubhouse Happenings

On June 4 the Flemington Woman's Club served as the Headquarters and Registration point for over 1,800 participants of *Girls on the Run* event plus their family members and friends. Our Clubhouse was packed with balloons, water, and bananas for all the young participants and their enthusiasm seemed to energize all of Flemington as they ran a 5K course through the streets. This event, which started at 6 am was miraculously finished and the Clubhouse cleaned by Noon.

On the same day, June 4th, but starting at 1pm and finishing at 5pm, our Clubhouse was one of the stops on the Historic Tour of Flemington. This Tour, designed to raise money for the Borough Historic Commission, included 9 historic Victorian houses plus the Flemington Woman's Club. The FWC was included due to the important part the Club played in the early development of the Borough although the House itself was not built until 1937. Within the Clubhouse there was a display of paintings, photographs, old newspaper clippings and memorabilia to visually show the history of the Club from its inception in 1898 to the present