



# The Club Crier



Flemington Woman's Club, Flemington, New Jersey

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members.

Your Volunteer Hours and Donations Report is due this month. Please bring it to the December meeting or send it in to the Club's mailing address (PO Box 66, Flemington) on or before January 1st. I have to submit a set of summary reports to NJSFWC by February 1st and I will be away for a month, returning only on January 17th so it is going to be very tight for me.

No one likes to spend time on these reports but the NJSFWC and the National Association use them to support funding applications and to add a great deal of weight to their requests for action to political and corporate groups.

\*\*Please include a listing of all the volunteer activities you do, for the Club (like Tea committee or Cancer Tree for example) and the number of hours, by month, that you have spent performing these activities.

\*\*Do the same thing for any outside activities of a volunteer and community service nature that you perform. Examples of these are civic or church groups, knitting for the needy, giving to the food pantry or working as a volunteer.

\*\*Estimate the value of the products you donate. Example: Knitted 50 baby hats (\$250.)

\*\*The time period to use for this report is the calendar year, January to December. Try to be as accurate as possible but don't agonize over it.

## REPORT FORM IS ATTACHED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

You'll probably be amazed and proud of the amount and value of your service to others, not just in this "Giving Season", but throughout the year.

To all of you, Happy Holidays,

Sincerely,  
*Jennifer*

Jennifer Dowd, President  
Flemington Woman's Club



## SUNSHINE

If you know of any members that need encouragement or cheering up, please let me know.

Diane Dzurenko would like to thank all of the members who sent cards, phone calls, prayers and good wishes to her and her husband during his recovery. It was greatly appreciated.

*Betty Davy*



### BOOKCLUB NEWS

Book Club will meet on December 7th at Marian Stirling's home. *The Big Oyster* by Mark Kurlansky will be the book for discussion. Jackie Cady will be the Moderator. **All members are welcome to attend.** Please call or email Marian Stirling 908-788-2022 to let her know you are attending.

*Jennifer Dowd*

### CHANGE COLLECTION



Don't forget your change! Please continue your generosity in November. All proceeds go into the Clubhouse maintenance fund.

*Diane Snyder*



### MONTHLY COLLECTION

The collection for December will be Cookies for the local nursing homes. Please no nuts or peanut butter. Help with the packing would be appreciated on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the clubhouse.



### DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, December 14th at 12 noon at the FWC Clubhouse, 43 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ

Our December Meeting will focus on "Christmas Around the World." If you would like to share your family's customs and how you celebrate Christmas based on your family's heritage (e.g., Italian, Polish, German, English, Scottish, Irish, etc.) in a short presentation to the other members, please call me at (908)788-6763 or email me at [mstemple@att.net](mailto:mstemple@att.net). Also, do you have any holiday "treasures", ornaments, decorations, music, etc. from your family's heritage that you would like to bring in for "Show & Tell"? If so, please do! In addition, for those volunteering to do refreshments for our Tea, please consider bringing in a treat with an international flavor! Let's see how many different ethnic backgrounds our Club represents! Don't forget our "Secret Santa!" For those wishing to participate, bring a new, wrapped gift valued at \$8-\$10 dollars.

Finally, it's Cookie Packing Time for our donation of Cookies to area nursing home patients. **Please bring cookies to the Dec. 14 Meeting** for this annual project. (No nuts or peanut butter). **The packing will take place on Friday, Dec 16th at 10:00am at the Clubhouse.** Your help would be appreciated.

*Marie Stemple*



### Save Soda and Soup Can Pull-tabs

We will continue to collect **soda and soup can tabs** to bring to State Federation meetings and combine with other clubs collections. Proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick. Someone's trash is someone else's treasure.

*Sarah Miller*



### The Scholarship Luncheon & Game Party

The Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Game Party will be held at the Clubhouse on March 15, 2017.

Many thanks to Lee Van Nest for offering to Chair this event and for committee members Veronica Hoinowski, Juanna Nastasi, Sue Spano, Diane Snyder, Marian Stirling, Maria Mykulak and Diane Dzurenko for serving.

Members can help by signing up to donate refreshments and of course, coming to the event and bringing their friends.

Net proceeds will provide a scholarship for a graduating senior at Hunterdon Central High School.



### HOSPITALITY

December's Hospitality

Hostesses: Susan C. Miller & Ellen Ramberg

Tea: Joan Wolsiefer, Joanne Martin, Natalie Whiting

Decorations: Gerda Bodnar & Marian Stirling

Thank you for serving!

*Joanne Martin & Marie Stemple*



### MEMBERSHIP

Please make a special effort to make all our new members feel welcomed at our meetings.

*Verna Stothoff & Veronica Hoinowski*



### ACTIVITIES

#### Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, November 1st, our Lunch Bunch met at Lambertville Station. 15 members attended a wonderful lunch. The owner of the Station came and spoke to us about how he started the restaurant,

told a funny story about obtaining financing and his search for historical décor. It was a very interesting bit of information and so nice of him to do so. .

On December 6th we will be meeting at the Harvest Moon in Ringoes at 12 Noon. Everyone in the group really enjoys these get-togethers and want to continue. If anyone else would like to join us, please give me a call.

Call Lee Van Nest for information. 908-

### **Park Avenue Stitchers**

We have decided to cancel Park Avenue Stitchers due to lack of interest. If anyone is still interested in joining a group of knitters and crocheters, Social Stitchers meets every Monday afternoon from 2 to 4 PM at the Cavalry Episcopal Church on Broad Street in Flemington. There are 5 FWC members who are active members of this group.

### **Bunco**

We played our first rollicking game of Bunco on November 17th. Ten members came and we were joined by Mr. Ted E. Bear and Ms. Purse who substituted for regular players. Some of us have played before and some learned very quickly. We laughed a lot as we ironed out some of the wrinkles of the game. But suffice to say we all had a good time and plan on more fun on December 15th. Come join us!

Call Marian Stirling for information. 788-1297.



### **HMC TREE**

December 3rd: Christmas

Sue Spano, Sarah Miller & Jen Stevenson

Thank you to all who have participated and have done such a beautiful job this year!

If you didn't sign up in November for 2017, you'll have an opportunity to sign up for the 2017 tree trimming at the December meeting.

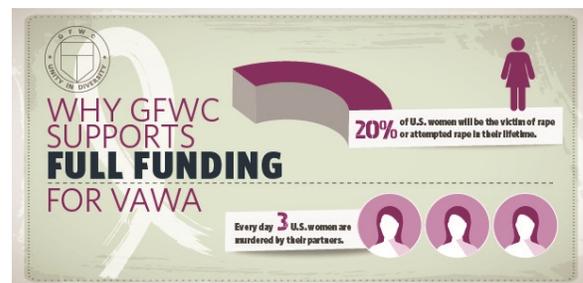
*Sue Spano*



### **LEGISLATION**

## **Urge Congress to Fully Fund Domestic Violence Prevention Programming**

Finalize FY 2017 Funding for programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking



Congress needs to complete action on FY 2017 appropriations bills to fund services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through the Violence Against

Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) programs which are cost-effective and lifesaving. Contact your Senator and Representative today and encourage them to finalize the FY 2017 appropriations bills.



## State and College District News

### Girls Career Institute

Girls' Career Institute (GCI) is a program offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC) for girls who will complete their junior year in high school. The dates for the 2017 GCI are Monday, June 5th through Thursday, June 8th. Delegates are sponsored and the cost is underwritten by a local NJSFWC club. Delegates are selected on the basis of their interest in attending college, community service and participation in school activities. Girls seeking career options and the opportunity to gain insight into college life are usually excellent candidates. GCI offers a "mini college experience." Delegates will experience a sample of college life by living in a dorm, eating in the cafeteria, attending lectures and workshops at Douglass Residential College on the Rutgers University campus in New Brunswick. They will learn about career

choices and how to network with other delegates from all over the state of New Jersey. Many establish lasting friendships with one another. Delegates are required to attend all lectures, workshops and meals in the cafeteria. The dress code is appropriate school attire with the appropriate clothing for sports and activities. Organized sports activities, swimming, crafts, and after dinner sessions in the dorms are just a few of the activities available during free time. Delegates must be academically able to be excused from school for the four days of GCI. This may involve foregoing some pre-exam reviews, taking exams early, or missing a sporting event or other activity. Accepting this Girls' Career Institute opportunity carries with it a responsibility to stay for the complete session. FWC will be sponsoring a girl in her Junior year at Hunterdon Central High School. If you know of anyone who fits the criteria and would like to attend please direct her to contact her guidance counselor.



GFWC

### Support GFWC through AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support GFWC every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same prices as on Amazon.com, with the

added bonus that **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to GFWC Headquarters.** Millions of products are eligible for donations. All qualified products are marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile Donation" on their product detail pages.

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Your contributions to GFWC Headquarters will help fund club grants and awards, maintain GFWC Headquarters as a National Historic Landmark, support the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center, and meet community needs in times of disaster.



## **Community and Sister Club News**

### **2016 Flemington Holiday Parade**

Sunday, December 04, 2016 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Parade Route ~ Main Street, Flemington

### **2016 Clinton Holiday Parade**

Friday, December 02, 2016 7:00 PM

Parade Route ~ Center of Clinton. Parade forms up New Street.

November 18 - December 19 - **Trolley**

**Tours and Santa Tours** of nearby, picturesque Princeton NJ!

### **November 19 - December 18 - The North Pole Express in Flemington!**

Enjoy an exciting holiday fun train ride to North Pole Station to visit Santa and Mrs Claus! Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, singing along with the elves, a chance to tell Santa your Christmas wish, + much more. The train operates rain or shine and The North Pole Express depart the Flemington Station and operate round-trip. Allow approximately two hours for your trip. Website

is <http://www.blackriverrailroad.com/christmas-trains.html> Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from November 19 until Sunday, December 18, 2016 (Except Fridays Dec 9th & 16th)

### **2016-2017 Officers, Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs**

President: Jennifer Dowd  
Vice President: Marie Stemple  
Recording Secretary: Lee Van Nest  
Corresponding Sec: Juanna Nastasi  
Treasurer: Marian Stirling  
Fine Arts: Sue Spano  
Civics: Ellen Ramberg  
Trustees-At-Large: Nancy Dominiani  
& Diane Snyder  
Historian: Florence Fitzgerald

House Reservations/Maintenance: Kim  
Tilly  
Membership: Verna Stothoff & Veronica  
Hoinowski  
Hospitality: Joanne Martin & Marie  
Stemple  
Communications: Diane Dzurenko &  
Jennifer Stevenson  
Sunshine: Betty Davy  
Programs: Marie Stemple  
Activities: Lee Van Nest  
Yearbook: Jennifer Dowd

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to have in The Club Crier.

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to this email and must be downloaded  
separately.**