



The Club Crier



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members.

Well, it's all over now except to add up all the money we raised to give to our charities. The Luncheon/Fashion Show was a success though not so heavily attended as in the past. Almost 160 people enjoyed the food, the elegant atmosphere, a great fashion show with our members as models, and of course, the memorable Tricky Tray.

Thank you so much to the members who contributed baskets and other items and to others who went to local merchants and had them contribute. It was a lot of work but the results were worth it. Marie Stemple led the Tricky Tray effort by canvassing many of the gifts herself, storing all of the gifts in her home, and then taking and displaying them at the event. For weeks, her family had to eat in their kitchen since the dining room was filled with Gifts!

Thank you also to everyone who sold or bought chances in the Raffle. Particular mention must be made of Verna Stothoff who sold 20 books of raffles to her friends and family.

And, of course, Gerda Bodnar is the true Energizer Bunny. Gerda

organized all the raffle ticket sales at ShopRite, in town, and at the Amish Market and was also there canvassing each time herself; she brought in several new ads for the Program/Ad Book; brought in several of the mums; and even made and donated a beautiful gift basket. All this on top of handling all the mail-in reservations, the money from them, and finally, at the Luncheon/Fashion Show, gave out table assignments as people arrived.

I have highlighted only two members but there were many others who gave large amounts of their time and effort to make a success of this year's fundraiser. We were all tired by the end of the day but had a great feeling of success. THANK YOU to everyone who was involved.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

Jennifer Dowd, President
Flemington Woman's Club



EMD FALL FUNDRAISER

Join our Evening Division of the Flemington Woman's Club for their upcoming Improv Night Fundraiser! ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO CHARITY! All are welcome, but please be forewarned:

improv often includes adult themes and language. 😊 Buy your tickets [HERE](#) or call Nicole Weaver 908-391-6203.

The Evening Division of the
Flemington Woman's Club
Presents:



Acting Troupe: "Banshee" - NY Based
November 12th 8:00-9:30pm
at the Flemington Woman's Club--
43 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ

\$20 online \$25 at the door
Concessions will be for sale during intermission
For Tickets:
goo.gl/Szymev



Fundraiser

The Talbots fundraiser brought in \$370. for the house fund. Thanks to all who participated. Kudos to Lee Van Nest for chairing this event.



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

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show

A FESTIVE MUSICAL REVUE
Luncheon and Show, Monday, December 5,
2016 ~ 11:00 a.m.

We had such a great time we're doing it again!! Put the date on your calendar
Guests are welcome! The cost is \$64.50
if we have enough going to get group rate.

Gerda Bodnar

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 November will be gifts for the Hunterdon Developmental Center. Residents are most in need of Afghans and Lap Robes, CDs/DVDs, Anything Musical/Anything that makes noise, Baseball hats, Knit hats and gloves -men's and women's sizes, Dress socks/sneaker socks, Inexpensive costume jewelry Women's make-up and nail polish, Toiletries, Art Supplies-sketch tablets, paper for drawing, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc. Paint-by-number kits, Craft kits (no small pieces or beads), Puzzles with big pieces, Cards/card games, Board Games/Dominoes/small hand-held games, Batteries (especially "AA" & "AAA") Tote bags with long handles NOTE: adult sizes for hats, gloves, socks and glass containers for nail polish only, please. No other glass containers.



NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November 9th Meeting will be dedicated to "Food for the Homebound." Regina Hlasney, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., will be our guest speaker. Also at the meeting, we will be doing a "Done in One" project which will consist of decorating and filling "Blizzard Bags" for Meals on Wheels clients for use in bad weather

when their regular daily meal delivery cannot be made. Meals on Wheels has supplied us with 100 empty bags to decorate and fill, and Shoprite of Flemington has generously donated to us enough of the non-perishable food items specified by Meals on Wheels to fill 100 bags. Please bring crayons, markers and/or colored pencils to the meeting for use in decorating these bags. We will also include a short note in each bag, so kindly bring in any "blank" notecards you may have. Meals on Wheels is one of our two Community Improvement Projects (CPIs) this year.

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. Some ones trash is someone else's treasure.

Sarah Miller



The Scholarship Game Party

Will YOU be one of this year's Luncheon/Game Party Committee members? Please call or email me if you are willing to take a turn. It's always a

fun day and we make enough money to give a HRCHS senior a college scholarship.

Jennifer Dowd



HOSPITALITY

November's Hospitality

Hostesses: Kathy Knight & Emma Hooper

Tea: Anita Bush, Lynn Burtis, Maria Mykulak and Margaret Thau

Decorations: Liz Fisher & Juanna Nastasi

Thank you for serving!

Joanne Martin & Marie Stemple



MEMBERSHIP

Please make sure you give a warm welcome to our newest member, Colleen Needham. Please add her to the handbook. 11 Bluebird Court, Flemington, 908-391-5214

Verna Stothoff & Veronica Hoinowski



ACTIVITIES

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, October 4th, our first Lunch Bunch met at Capuano's in Flemington. 17 members joined in for a fun lunch, getting to know each other better with much laughter and some new friendships being made. On November 1st, we will be meeting at Lambertville Station Restaurant at 12 Noon. At present we have 21 members coming to what promises to be another pleasurable lunch. Call Lee Van Nest for information. 908-

Bunco

Our first Bunco game is on November 17th. Remember, if you can count to 12, and be able to roll the dice, you are well on your way to playing Bunco. Watch for more information to be coming shortly. If you didn't sign up but would like to participate, please call Marian Stirling at 788-1297.

Park Avenue Stickers

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18th at the Clubhouse. There were 4 members present but we are hoping for more people attending on November 15th at 1 PM. Come join us with your knitting, crochets, needlework, etc. Call Diane Snyder at 284-0593 for more information.



HMC TREE

November 5th: Thanksgiving

Anita Bush, Lynn Burtis and Jackie Cady

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

Everyone will have an opportunity to sign up for the 2017 tree trimming at the November meeting.

Sue Spano



LEGISLATION

Help Stop Bigger Tractor-Trailers in 2016

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC is opposed to longer and heavier tractor-trailers, and has worked with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) to keep these trucks off our highways. It is critical to let our members of Congress know about our opposition to these bigger trucks and letters of concern have been sent to New Jersey's federal delegation. Several bills debated last year in Congress would have increased the size and weight of trucks. One bill would have increased the national truck weight limit from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 pounds, and other legislation called for double-trailer trucks 91 feet in length. Members of Congress clearly listened to their constituents back home: Both of these provisions were rejected with

bipartisan support. In New Jersey, eight members of the U.S. House delegation voted against heavier trucks and both Senators voted against longer trucks. Proponents of bigger trucks, however, show no signs of backing down in 2016. A Colorado congressman introduced a bill earlier this year that calls for the same longer double-trailer trucks that were just defeated in 2015. While proponents continue to push for bigger trucks, polls show that voters overwhelmingly oppose them. In fact, a 2015 poll found that 76 percent of respondents opposed longer and heavier trucks. Also, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) technical report released in 2015, and confirmed just this April 2016, recommended that Congress reject longer and heavier trucks. In the study, USDOT published several alarming findings. Regarding heavier trucks, the study found in limited state testing that trucks weighing up to 91,000 pounds have 47 percent higher crash rates, and trucks weighing up to 97,000 pounds have 99 to 400 percent higher crash rates. Regarding longer trucks, it found that longer double trailers needed at least 22 additional feet to stop compared to twin-trailer trucks on the road today. The study also estimates that longer double-trailer trucks could cost \$1.2 billion to \$1.8 billion in additional pavement costs every year nationwide, and 91,000-pound trucks would cost \$1.1 billion in additional bridge costs nationally. Given the state of our nation's roads and bridges, these costs should give Congress pause. Further, this study did not look at the impact of heavier or longer trucks on local roads. This should be of particular concern since most truck trips begin and end on local roads. CABT has let NJSFWC know that they are very appreciative of the support from our Federation and our individual members in

opposing increases in truck size and weight. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Bolstad (ebolstad@cabt.org or 703-201-7565).



THINGS YOU CAN DO TO AVOID FRAUD*

1. Hang up on robocalls. If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal, and often the products are bogus. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more calls and remember scammers frequently change their number.
2. Don't believe your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.
3. Consider how you pay. Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards. Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.
4. Be skeptical about free trial offers. Some companies use free trials to sign you up for

products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.

5. Don't deposit a check and wire money back. By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.

IF YOU THINK YOU'RE A VICTIM OR TO REPORT A SCAM, CONTACT:

- Federal Trade Commission -
<https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>
- U.S. Postal Inspection Service:
<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>
- Your state or local consumer protection agencies. Consumer affairs NJ
<http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/>
- Visit www.naag.org for a list of state Attorney Generals

*These tips and others can be found on the ftc.gov website



State and College District News

Don't forget to make your reservation for the Headquarters Open House and Holiday Sing-a-long on November 17,

2016. If you've never been to headquarters, you really should come and see your beautiful Federation home and if you've visited before you should come and see the updates that have been completed over the past year. Call Marie Stemple by November 7th so we can know how many to expect 908-788-6763.



GFWC

GFWC is celebrating the 17th anniversary of the Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children. Although the program itself is fairly new in the scope of GFWC's 126-year history, advocating for youth and supporting children all over the world is a core part of GFWC values and tradition. From working to end child labor to improving public schools, clubwomen have fought for the rights of children for 126 years. Read more about the history of GFWC's involvement in child advocacy and what clubs are doing to celebrate Advocates for Children Week in a post on the GFWC blog: <http://bit.ly/2fceA7t>



**Community and
Sister Club News**

**29TH ANNUAL BRANCBURG
WOMAN'S CLUB CRAFT SHOW &
SALE**

November 19, 2016

Location: Branchburg Central Middle School, 220 Baird Road Branchburg, NJ
Organizer: Sheila Cancellia Branchburg Woman's Club
Phone: (908) 547-0126
Email: bwc2016craftsale@gmail.com

The 29th Annual BWC Craft Show & Sale will be held Saturday, November 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. A fundraiser for charities and student awards, it features handmade crafts, door prizes, a bake sale, and refreshments. (The club is planning to only allow handcrafted items and exclude vendors.) Indoor location is Branchburg Central Middle School across from White Oak Park. Free admission and parking. From Highway 22, exit to Readington Road. After 2.5 miles, turn left onto Baird Road. School will be on your left.

2016-2017 Officers, Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs

President: Jennifer Dowd
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Activities: Lee Van Nest
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