



# Franklin Woman's Club

Friendship and Community Service since 1922



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## Upcoming Events -

Friday, Oct. 11 - **Daytime Book Club @ Integral Yoga**

Sunday, Oct. 13 - **Fall Hike at the Sourlands Preserve**, Carpool time TBD

Tuesday, Oct. 15 – **Monthly General Meeting** at Franklin High School,

**INTERNATIONAL DINNER NIGHT 6:30 pm**

Please come dressed in something festive, Halloween Costume or International Dress. **Everyone is to bring a dish or dessert.** If you don't have an International dish, bring something your family loves or something you like to make, even store bought. If you plan to put out a display try to come a little earlier to set up.

Any questions please call Joy Baptist (732) 247-2214

### **Hostesses for the meeting are:**

MaryLou Bak, Nina Blair, Kecia Baptist, Joy Baptist, Sharon Coney, Carol Davis, Geri Krassowski, Bonnie Martin, Tracy Coney-Muse

Wednesday, October 16 - **Boscov's 'Friends Helping Friends' Fundraiser**, 9 AM - 11 PM at any Boscov's Department Store location

Friday, Oct. 18 - **Halloween black cat craft**, 6-8 pm

Sunday, Nov.3 - **Wine Tasting**, 4-7 pm at Old York Cellars Winery

## **Contact us**

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**General Federation of Women's Clubs** website - <http://www.gfwc.org>

To obtain a Member ID contact the webmaster at [webmaster@njsfwc.org](mailto:webmaster@njsfwc.org). In your e-mail include our club name (Franklin Woman's Club), district (College), and preferred username. You will receive an email with a temporary password. This individual member login gives you access to a lot of additional information not available to the general public.

**New Jersey State Federation Women's Club** website- <http://www.njsfwc.org>

## **Women's History- Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right to Vote**

On the way to ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote, the National Woman's Party, co-founded by New Jersey Suffragist Alice Paul, prepared a Ratification Flag. Each time a state ratified the amendment, another star was sewn onto the flag. By September 30th, 1919, Utah became the 17th state out of the 36 needed, to ratify. Information on the race by the states to ratify, as well as a photo of the Ratification Flag with Alice Paul, can be seen on the National Park Service website: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/womens-suffrage-timeline.htm>



### **October birthdays**

October 3 – Stephanie Carr  
October 5 – Latanya Knibbs  
October 9 – Debbie O'Mahony  
October 9 – Joanne Murset  
October 13 – Kecia Baptist  
October 17 – Sharon Seiwert

**Membership** -Chair, Kecia Baptist, [keciajoy@gmail.com](mailto:keciajoy@gmail.com), (732)-221-0510; Assistant, Stephanie Carr, [stephpto@comcast.net](mailto:stephpto@comcast.net), (732)-937-4596

### **Welcome to our newest members:**

Susan Carroll, Cindy Downey, Nandini Menon, Beate Utz and Cheray Wright

### **IMPORTANT: Yearbook Changes or Corrections**

Our 2019-2020 Yearbook is about to go to print. If you have any changes or corrections to your address, home/cell phone number or email address (as listed in the 2018-2019 Yearbook), please contact Kecia Baptist or Stephanie Carr by this **Friday, October 4**. Otherwise, your information will remain the same in this year's Yearbook.

### **Information Update & Authorization Forms**

It is **very important** that we have your Emergency Contact information and Media Release authorization on file. If you did not fill out and sign an **Information Update & Authorization Form** at the September meeting, please do so ASAP and return it to Kecia Baptist by email (attached). Forms will also be available at the check-in table at the October meeting. If you cannot attend or access the form, contact Kecia to make arrangements.

(\*\*New members who joined in September do not need to submit this form. We have the information from your application).

## **Business Cards**

Business cards will be available at the check-in table and members may receive up to 5.

## **FWC Polo Shirts**

If you would like to order a shirt, contact Amy Manifase at [shantimanifest@gmail.com](mailto:shantimanifest@gmail.com) or see her at a meeting.

## **Guests**

If you are bringing a guest(s) to the October meeting, please let Kecia know by October 14 so they can be put on the guest list.

## **Carpools**

Contact Stephanie Carr if you or a club member you know would like to request a ride to a meeting.

## **Notes from the Treasurer**

Carolyn Lance, Treasurer – [kcmlance@verizon.net](mailto:kcmlance@verizon.net); (732) 491-1318 (text only);  
(732) 383-9126 (voice calls)

Pat Kaufhold, Asst. Treasurer – [daffodilpat@gmail.com](mailto:daffodilpat@gmail.com)

Please remember to use the appropriate form(s) when:

- Submitting monies to be deposited
- Requesting reimbursement of club expenses
- Requesting a check be cut or a bill paid

**(No blank checks will be issued; no exceptions)**

Forms are available at all meetings and can also be found online on the Franklin Woman's Club website at <https://www.franklinwomansclub.com/treasurer-s-page>.  
A copy of the approved budget is also available on the Club's website at <https://www.franklinwomansclub.com/2018%20-%202019%20Budget.pdf>.

**Ways & Means (Fundraising)** Contact: Joanne Murset,  
[JMurset@hotmail.com](mailto:JMurset@hotmail.com), (732) 220-8617 (home) or text (908)227-7278 (cell)

**Boscov's Department Store Fundraiser** – Stephanie Carr, Chair (732-668-5430)

Boscov's 'Friends Helping Friends' Fundraiser - Wednesday, October 16, 8 AM - 11 PM at any Boscov's Department Store location. For the third year, our club will participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day!

Not familiar with Boscov's? Think of it as a department store with discount store pricing. The nearest one to us is located in Woodbridge Center Mall, off of Route 1.

**How it works:** Boscov's provides our club with free discount "Shopping Passes" that

are all day coupons (for up to 25% off most items) valid at any Boscov's location on Wednesday, October 16, from 9 AM - 11 PM.

Leading up to 10/16, we sell the Shopping Passes for \$5 each, with the entire \$5 going to Franklin Woman's Club. These passes will be available for sale (cash only please) at our October meeting, the day before the event.

See the clipboard events table at the meeting or if you want to buy any before then, just contact Stephanie Carr.

Please consider buying a shopping pass for yourself and ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. if they'd like to buy one also. You can learn more about this event on the Boscov's Woodbridge NJ website.

Interested but not sure you will be able to go to Boscov's that day? Think of an unused shopping pass like a \$5 donation to the club.

### **Tricky Tray - NEW DATE -- Friday, April 3**

Club Contact: Joanne Murset, 908-227-7278 [JMurset@hotmail.com](mailto:JMurset@hotmail.com)

Due to a conflict at Franklin High School, we have had to reschedule the Tricky Tray for Friday, April 3

- Would you like to help contribute to dog and cat themed prize baskets? If so, bring your donations to the October general meeting and give them to me (Joanne). (If you don't have time to get your donation together by then, I will accept your donations at later meetings as well.)
- Thanks to those that signed up at the September meeting to help with Tricky Tray planning. I am looking for additional people to help with contacting businesses that placed ads or donated prizes in the past to ask if they'd like to do the same this year. This could be done by phone, email, or in person. Let me know if you could spend a few hours doing this come January and February.
- I am also looking for someone that could type up information about donated gift certificate prizes into the program using Word, in February and March. If this is something you could do, please let me know.

### **Wine Tasting - Sunday, November 3**

Club Contact: Nina Blair

What could be nicer than spending an afternoon with friends sipping wine while others prepare dinner and dessert for you? I hope you and your friends/relatives will join us for our 5th annual Wine Tasting fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM in the Vista Room at Old York Cellars vineyard & winery in Ringoes, NJ (near Flemington). Six wines will be available for tasting. Event also includes a light dinner and dessert buffet. Participants will receive a coupon for either 10% off any wine bottles purchased at the event or a free wine tasting on a future visit, and will have a chance to win door prizes. We will also have a raffle table. This is a really fun event - we have

many repeat attendees. Husbands, brothers, adult children, etc., are welcome in addition to female friends. Don't drink wine? We will have water and other non-alcoholic beverages available if you'd like to come to hang out with friends and enjoy the dinner and dessert.

Space is limited. Tickets are \$30 if purchased by 10/11, \$35 after 10/11, while supplies last. To order tickets, people can fill out the attached form and mail it along with their check payable to Franklin Woman's Club to the club at PO Box 5793, Somerset, NJ 08875, or give it in an envelope to me (Nina) at the October meeting (the early bird rate will be honored at the 10/15 club meeting). Tickets can be ordered online using the following link (fee applies):

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/franklin-womans-club-2019-wine-tasting-tickets-74755885867?ref=enivtefor001&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm\\_term=attend](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/franklin-womans-club-2019-wine-tasting-tickets-74755885867?ref=enivtefor001&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=attend)

At the October meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet for people willing to donate a home-made or purchased dessert. (You can bring the dessert with you to the Wine Tasting if you are attending. If you are not attending, donating a dessert is one way you can support the event.)

### **Restaurant Fundraiser at Fatto Americano**

Club contacts: Toni Mazza and Joanne Murset

Thanks to those that attended -- it was fun!

### **Paint & Sip Fundraiser**

Club contact: Bonnie Martin

There is so much going on right now, we've decided to hold this event in January or February! Thanks to those that volunteered to help -- I (Bonnie) will be in touch!

### **Shop Rite Gift Cards** – Karen Hagerman [kmhagerman@yahoo.com](mailto:kmhagerman@yahoo.com). (908) 210—4443 (cell)

The Club offers Shop Rite gift cards for your personal use or gift-giving. Gift cards will available in \$100, \$50, and \$25 denominations at the October club meeting. You can purchase them with cash or a check payable to “Franklin Woman's Club”.

The club earns 5% on your purchase. If you regularly shop at Shop Rite, consider buying the gift cards for your purchases. They also make a great gift for family and friends.

Please contact Karen to purchase cards between club meetings.

### **Printer Cartridges**

Please continue to give your old printer ink or toner cartridges to club member Mary Ann Savino for recycling at Staples. Store credits are used for club supplies such as name tags, labels, envelopes and certificate paper.

## **TERRI LYNN** - Delores Still, chair

*Terri Lynn's* wonderful quality goodies are ready for your orders. Catalogues and order sheets will be available at the dinner meeting. This is an excellent time to help your club and bring joy to all your friends, family and others who place orders for *Terri Lynn* quality nuts and candies. Your family and friends will love you!!

## **FYI Announcement:**

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**Gift Auction (AKA Tricky Tray) on Sat., Nov. 9** at Little Rocky Hill Fire House on Rt. 27. Club contact: Joanne Murset

Please see the attached fliers for information about a Gift Auction to help provide police and service dogs for first responders and veterans, in remembrance of Brian Kanterman, son of club member Tina Kanterman, who tragically passed away this past Christmas at the age of 25.

\$50 pre-sale bundle (\$55 value) includes \$35 worth of tickets, admission, and a buffet dinner! Tickets can be ordered by mail or online at <http://www.rememberingbriank.com/Events>. If you'd like to sit at a table with my husband and I, you can give me (Joanne Murset) your order at the October FWC meeting to send in with mine, or you can note on the order form that you mail in that you'd like to sit with Joanne Murset, or you can let me know you ordered your tickets online and I can ask the organizers to seat us together.

**Activities/Community Service** - Lisa Andreini, Chair  
[lisa-andreini@comcast.net](mailto:lisa-andreini@comcast.net); or call/text her at 732-692-3309

We will once again be collecting food items and gift certificates for 4 Thanksgiving food baskets to be given to families in need through the Franklin Resource Center. There will be a sign-up sheet for the November collection at our next meeting. The items are to be brought to the November service meeting at which time the baskets will be assembled. A reminder of the items that you sign up to bring will be sent prior to the November meeting. We will also be doing 4 baskets for the Christmas Holiday.

**Arts Creative** - Daryl Miller – Chair, Kathy Deily (Achievement Day)  
[darylemiller@gmail.com](mailto:darylemiller@gmail.com) call/text (732)372-8534

### **October Craft Project** -

Join us on Friday, October 18 to make a Decorative Halloween Black Cat.  
Where: at the home of Diane Milgram. Arrive at 5:30, the project will run from 6-8 pm.

### **Stanton Holly Trail**

The popular holiday house tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. This has been an annual event for many years however, this will be their final tour.

If you are planning on going please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Oct. general meeting, that way we will have an idea of how many people are going.

You can go online to purchase your ticket any time. The entrance is time based. A few members have chosen the 8:45 am time slot. The cost is \$50.00 for the tour and if you choose to have lunch there it is \$15.00.

Go onto [stantonhollytrail.org](http://stantonhollytrail.org) to learn more about this event.

**Book Club** - (evening) Maria Hudak, Chair [mhudak0414@yahoo.com](mailto:mhudak0414@yahoo.com).  
(daytime) Lyn Sirota, [lyn.sirota@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.sirota@gmail.com)

If anyone is interested in forming a second Book Club group please contact Maria.

The daytime group, Enlightened Readers Book Club, is led by FWC member Lyn Sirota. This book club will meet on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Integral Yoga Community Center and all are welcome. For more information and to register for the next event visit [princetoniycc.org](http://princetoniycc.org) or contact Lyn. Their next book, "Team Human", will be available next week at the desk at Integral Yoga. If you cannot make the meeting on 11/11, please do not take a copy of the book and leave it for someone else who will be at the meeting. Happy Reading!

**CASA, Special State Project** - Bonnie Martin, Chair, Irene Fisler, Co-Chair

We are partnering with the Court Appointed Special Advocates to collect school supplies for distribution to neglected and abused children as they are placed in new homes and new schools. The club will be collecting supplies all year long since the need is ongoing and not just for the beginning of the school year in September. Your donation at the general meetings will be greatly appreciated!

**Communications/Publicity** - Angela Dubivsky, Chair

As many of you know, my husband and I are planning to re – locate out of state in the coming year or so. In preparation for this, I will need to identify members who are willing to keep the website updated, write press releases and create flyers. These tasks can be shared. I am willing to provide orientation/training on how the website works and there is a wonderful support mechanism built into the system for even more help. Since the structure of the website is in place, maintaining it does not take as much time. For example, in the past year, I spent approximately 20 hours maintaining it. Basic computer skill is needed in order to use the [webs.com](http://webs.com) system and the ability to update it in a timely manner (i.e., immediately after meetings and as events are coming up).

For press releases, I write and issue approximately 9 per year. Since some of our events are annual, I often can simply take a previous year's release and update it. The amount of time I spent in the past year writing press releases was approximately 10 hours.

Flyers took about 2 hours. It would be helpful to have access to some sort of graphics software for this. (Note: I do not have such access and have used [pixabay.com](http://pixabay.com) for pictures, and created flyers in the WORD format).

**Any members who are interested in learning more about these opportunities or volunteering, please email me at [angeltea@comcast.net](mailto:angeltea@comcast.net) or call me at (908) 616 – 5166.**

**Conservation/Gardening** - Nancy Gale, Chair, [NancLG@aol.com](mailto:NancLG@aol.com),  
Geri Krassowski, Co-Chair, [gerik2@gmail.com](mailto:gerik2@gmail.com)

Join us on Sunday, October 13 for our annual fall hike. This year we will be exploring the nearby Sourland Mountain Preserve. We promise that the hike will not be strenuous and we can enjoy the foliage and fresh air. We usually all bring a bag lunch to enjoy a picnic somewhere along the way. If you wish to join us, contact Nancy or Geri.

**Education Committee** - Tracy Muse, Chair

Please continue to bring books for our ongoing book drive (gently used and /or good shape with binder intact) for school age children up to young adult.

**Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network)**- Mary Ann Vetter, Chair  
[mavett5@aol.com](mailto:mavett5@aol.com), (732) 247-9237

**Hospitality**- Joy Baptist, Chair ([joywbaptist3@verizon.net](mailto:joywbaptist3@verizon.net)), (732) 247-2214.

Please check the hostess list on the first page.

**International Outreach** - Valerie Buckner, Chair, Latanya Knibbs, Co-Chair:

**Legislative Issues & Public Affairs** - Phyllis Beals, Chair, [awpbeals@comcast.net](mailto:awpbeals@comcast.net)

Legislative Issues Committee is seeking additional members to help with current initiatives such as promoting the ban on seed-bearing cultivars of Japanese Barberry bushes, ending child sex trafficking, reducing DUI recidivism, increasing school bus safety through Miranda's Law. The committee welcomes new ideas and issues to consider for resolutions to go to the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs has power in its approximately 7000 plus members. Do you have a pressing concern that needs attention by our representatives at local, state or federal levels? Get involved and be part of the solutions. If interested, please contact Phyllis Beals @ [awpbeals@comcast.net](mailto:awpbeals@comcast.net). or call 732-331-3416.

Please sign up for the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs Legislative Action Center Alerts. I signed up a year ago and receive very few alerts (maybe 3 since signing up)



but with them I have been able to send a quick message of support for action by a Congress person on an issue for which the GFWC and its members are advocating. For information on how to sign up go to [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org) and follow prompts for Advocacy and Legislative Action Center. We are trying to count how many of our members sign up so if you do, please let me know. It is also interesting to read about the legislation that is supported by the GFWC. If you need help signing on, let me know. Signing up will be possible at the November Members' meeting.

### **Petition**

A petition to Commissioner McCabe and Governor Phil Murphy titled "NJDEP DENY Permits for NESE" has been created. Will you sign this petition?

Click here: (or copy and paste into task bar)

[https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/njdep-deny-permits-for?source=c.em.cp&r\\_by=273739](https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/njdep-deny-permits-for?source=c.em.cp&r_by=273739)

### **VOTE!**

General Election is Tuesday NOV. 5

Voter Registration deadline OCT 15

Mail-in Ballot Application Request Deadline, OCT 29

Mail-in Ballot Return Deadline, NOV 4 @ 3 p.m.

Mail-in Ballot Postmark Deadline NOV 5.

Remember to Register to Vote by October 15 for the November 5 general election. You may register in person in Somerville or by mail. If you have moved you need to file a change of address form.

You must be a citizen of the US, a resident of your present address for at least 30 days prior to election date. You must be 18 by the date of the election. Voter Registration forms may be printed at [www.franklin.nj.org](http://www.franklin.nj.org) and must be received by the Township Clerk's Office or the Somerset County Board of Elections 21 days prior to Election Day.

You may also request to vote by mail, and may do so for only this election or all elections. You do not need a reason to vote by mail. College students may vote in their home community by voting by mail (after they have properly registered to vote. They may also register to vote in the location where they attend college, but if they do that, they will need to re-register in the event they want to vote in a later election in their home community.

### **Sunshine** – Kathy Deily, Chair

If anyone needs any SUNSINE such as Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy cards please contact Kathy Deily at [kdeily142@yahoo.com](mailto:kdeily142@yahoo.com)