



April 2020 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

5 PM Monday, April 6 DEADLINE.

Please leave a comment at the NJDEP website to help STOP Williams/Transco from trying to build NESE's pipeline and compressor station. See the link to the website below. THANK YOU

Tricky Tray Fundraiser, NEW DATE TBD

April 8 – Recording Secretary will cast 1 Vote for slate of NEW OFFICERS
If you are interested in a position please contact Lisa Andreini **immediately**

April 14 General Meeting, CANCELLED

April 14 Executive Board Meeting – Conference call for budget discussion and other matters, DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON

May 8 – DEADLINE for Membership Renewal

Spring Conference and Annual Convention, CANCELLED

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. 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>

President's Message – Nancy Hargett, Diane Milgram Co-Presidents

Hello Ladies, we are wrapping up our year earlier than normal due to COVID-19. All our events for our calendar year (2019-2020) have been cancelled including State Convention. So much is happening in our world today and yet we must continue to fulfill our roles as best we can. We do hope and pray that all is good with you and your families. Whatever we are faced with, we all come together and make the best of the situation.

We are sorry to inform you that we lost Iris Salerno to complications from COVID-19. We have not seen her at many recent meetings, but she was an active member supporting many club projects. There is currently no information for a memorial.

We also would like you to know that Carolyn Solimine had surgery to remove a brain tumor. The surgery went well with 99.5% of the tumor removed and the remaining fragment not likely to cause any problems. It was non-malignant. She is home recovering with therapy.

We would like to thank everyone for making our time as your Co-Presidents both challenging and rewarding. We have seen our club grow in memberships, community service hours and local community donations over our two years. As we say good-bye in a newsletter, it is with some sadness. Thank you everyone and stay healthy.

Help Needed during Covid-19

Lisa Andreini, Community Services Chair (lisa-andreini@comcast.net) and other members ***want to make you aware of ways in which you may help our local hospitals during the COVID-19 health emergency.***

If you are interested in personally sewing masks, both St Peter's and RWJ are accepting home sewn masks (but of different types). These masks may be used by personnel who are not in direct patient contact or in other ways. **Instructions on how to sew masks are in attachment.**

From St. Peter's Healthcare System website:

Saint Peter's Healthcare System is blessed to have a community of supporters who continually illustrate the power of kindness. During these uncertain times, we know that there are many people who would like to help ensure Saint Peter's is able to continue providing expert care to our patients. Below are the many ways you can support Saint Peter's during this time.

Make a donation online

Consider supporting Saint Peter's efforts via the COVID-19 Response Fund, helping to offset expenses related to the pandemic and provide support to those Saint Peter's employees personally impacted by COVID-19.

Host a virtual fundraiser

Send essential items

The following items (new and in original packaging) are needed:

- Surgical Masks
- Protective Equipment (i.e. goggles and face shields)
- Disposable Stethoscopes and Thermometers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Exam/Medical Gloves

Saint Peter's is fortunate to have a group of volunteers supporting our staff by making masks for team members and their families to help reduce the community spread of COVID-19. Items that are most in need to keep their efforts going include:

- ¼ or ½ inch Braided Elastic
- Bias Tape

If you would like to send essential items to Saint Peter's Healthcare System or have another idea of how you can support Saint Peter's, please complete the form below. A member of Saint Peter's Foundation will be in touch.



April Birthdays

April 5 - Mary Ann Savino
April 12 - Doris Carneglia
April 14 - Maria Hudak
April 14 - Genie Karanikas
April 19 - Tina Kanterman

FYI – The Somerset County Library System is offering **FREE** digital signup library cards to Franklin residents through May 31st. Take advantage of the multitude of resources of the 10 libraries. Online google hangout programs will start this week with Herb Gardening as one of the choices. Here is the link <https://sclsnj.org/besafeathome/>. Contact Geri with questions.

Nominating Committee – Lisa Andreini, lisa-andreini@comcast.net

The slate of Nominees for the next term are:

President – Phyllis Beals

1st Vice-President (Programs) – Ellen Junas

2nd Vice-President (Membership) – Stephanie Carr

Treasurer – Carolyn Lance

Co-Recording Secretary(s) – Lisa Andreini & Kecia Baptist

Corresponding Secretary – Geri Krassowski

If you are interested in being nominated for any of these positions, please contact Lisa Andreini immediately or per Roberts Rules of Order, the Recording Secretary is permitted to cast 1 vote for the above slate if no additional names are put forward in the next 2 days.

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

Although these are difficult times, it is our hope that our club's activities will resume in September. That said, we are still collecting 2020-2021 membership dues from those who are planning to rejoin. The cost is \$38 for the general membership and \$28 for life members with 25 or more years of service.

The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 8th.

Please mail your check (made payable to **Franklin Woman's Club**) to club treasurer:

Carolyn Lance
24 Susan Dr.
Somerset, NJ 08873

If you have any questions please contact Kecia at keciajoy@gmail.com (732)-221-0510. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy!

Education Committee – Tracy Muse, Chair, tracygcm7@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest Scholarship Winners –
For 2020, the 10 Senior Scholarship recipients are as follows:

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| 1. Brianna Rao | 6. Janiah Fladger |
| 2. Rachelle Dubuisson | 7. Afsheen Amed |
| 3. Gabriela Delgado | 8. Ciara Dukes |
| 4. Sonia Dalal | 9. Eluwa Ihunaya |
| 5. Lekha Gowder | 10. Nicole Origenes |

Tricky Tray (Ways & Means)

Joanne Murset, home 732-220-8617, cell 908-227-7278 JMurset@hotmail.com

I anticipate that mid-June will be the earliest that we will be able to hold our 2020 Tricky Tray. Thank you to the club members that are storing completed prize baskets for the club!

Environmental Issues - Phyllis Beals, awpbeals@comcast.net

ACTION ALERT – SEND COMMENTS TO NJDEP BY APRIL 6, 2020 (5PM)

Your help is needed to stop the Williams/Transco attempts to build NESE's pipeline and compressor station

Please take a moment and click on the NJDEP website to leave a comment.

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/nese/comments/index.html>

Sunshine – Kathy Deily, Chair

If anyone needs SUNSHINE - Get Well, Thinking of You, or Sympathy, please e-mail Kathy Deily at kdeily142@yahoo.com

Notes from the Treasurer

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

Pat Kaufhold, Asst. Treasurer – 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>.