



Franklin Woman's Club

Friendship and Community Service since 1922

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Upcoming Events -

Saturday, Sept. 14 – **Rally for opposition to pipeline and compressor station**, 9:15 AM carpool to Red Bank Marina Park

Saturday, Sept. 14 – **Pasta Cooking Class**, 1-5 PM in Angela's Kitchen

Tuesday, Sept. 17 – **Monthly General Meeting**, 7 PM @ Franklin High School
Topics will include the introduction of various club committees and community service programs. Dress in red, white and blue. *Bring CASA school supplies.*

Please also review the proposed budget so that it can be voted on at the meeting.

Hostesses for the meeting are: Karen Bauer, Pat Calvo, Ellen Junas, Sarah Melvin, Mary Ann Renzulli, Dolores Still, Mary Ann Vetter. *Please arrive at 6:25 PM for setup.*

Sunday, Sept. 22 – **Restaurant Fundraiser at Fatto Americano**,
338 George St., New Brunswick, Noon - 6 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 24 – **Executive Board Meeting**, 7 pm @ Moe's

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

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>

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

Congress passed the 19th Amendment granting women the vote in June of 1919. It took ratification by 36 states until August of 1920 for it to become law. There will be special commemorations throughout this coming year across the nation to celebrate the amendment's 100th anniversary of ratification on August 26, 2020. In New Jersey, the Alice Paul Institute, located at the home of New Jersey's foremost Suffragist, Alice Paul, will host several events. Alice Paul was a strategist for the movement and an organizer of the 1913 parade in Washington, D.C. focusing on the amendment passage. You can learn more about the special events and about Alice Paul at <https://www.alicepaul.org/>

Summer Birthdays

Happy Belated Birthday to everyone who celebrated birthdays in June, July and August!



September birthdays

September 1 - Daryl Miller
September 6 - Sharon Coney
September 10 - Heidi Hanson
September 10 - Lisa Andreini
September 11 - Alycia Swift
September 16 - Diane Milgram
September 16 - Missy Holzer
September 16 - Sandra Cox
September 19 - Joy Baptist
September 24 - Autumn Aulicky
September 30 - Lisa Casazza

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

Welcome Back!

Welcome back, FWC Members! We hope you had a great summer and thank you to all those who attended the Summer Social in August. A special thank you to the Membership and Hospitality Committees for helping to make the afternoon a success. We had a great time and can't wait to do it again!

New Business Cards

We now have new FWC business cards imprinted with our NEW logo! They will be distributed at check-in and each member can receive **up to five** cards. Additional cards are available upon request.

Guests

If you would like to bring a guest(s) to the September meeting, please let Kecia know by September 16 so she can add them to the guest list.

Carpools

If you or a member you know would like to request a ride to a meeting, please contact Stephanie Carr to make arrangements.

Membership Information

The Membership Committee will be collecting emergency contact information and media releases from all members. More details to follow.

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>.

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

Mark your calendars! The Fundraising Committee has several fun events in the works:

Sunday, Sept. 22, Noon - 6 PM

Restaurant Fundraiser at Fatto Americano, 338 George St., New Brunswick
Club contacts: Toni Mazza and Joanne Murset

Enjoy brunch, lunch or dinner, and 10% of your check will be donated back to FWC to help with club expenses like guest speaker fees and the PO Box. Grab a group of friends (they don't need to be club members) and make plans for a fun afternoon (carpooling suggested to reduce parking expense).

Fatto Americano is a pizzeria/bar that is co-owned by Jackie Mazza, daughter of club member Toni Mazza. It is the new Neo-Neapolitan pizza restaurant/bar by the owners of Destination Dogs and the pastry chef from The Frog & the Peach

Check out the menu here. www.fattoamericano.com

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

Boscov's 'Friends Helping Friends' Fundraiser -**Wednesday, October 16**, 9 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 valid at any Boscov's location on Friends Helping Friends Day, Tuesday, 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 September meeting. See the clipboard events table at the meeting or Stephanie Carr. If you want to buy any before then, just contact Stephanie Carr.

Please consider buying a shopping pass for yourself and selling them to friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

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.

Paint & Sip Fundraiser at Wine & Dreams, 120 Cedar Grove Lane, Somerset
October (date TBD)

Club contacts: Lisa Casazza and Bonnie Martin

Wine Tasting at Old York Cellars, 80 Old York Rd, Ringoes

Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 PM - 7 PM

Contact: Nina Blair

Friday, March 20, 2020

FWC Annual Tricky Tray & Dessert Bar at Franklin High School

Club Contact: Joanne Murset

I am making some changes to the way I collect club member Tricky Tray donations. Unlike in the past, when I asked club members to hold onto miscellaneous items until January or February, I am now accepting items whenever you have them. Just let me know by texting or calling me on 908-227-7278 or email me at JMurset@hotmail.com to let me know if you are bringing items to a meeting (so I can bring my wagon to transport them) or if you'd like to schedule a time to drop something off at my home. I am not collecting any items for a specific Tricky Tray basket theme this September, but will collect items based on a theme (such as dog/cat) in some future months

Shop Rite Gift Cards – Karen Hagerman kmhagerman@yahoo.com. (732 565-9665)

The Club offers Shop Rite gift cards for personal use or gift-giving. Gift cards in several amounts (\$100, \$50, \$25) are available for purchase. You can purchase them with cash or a check payable to “Franklin Woman's Club”.

The club earns 5% on your purchase, so if you shop there regularly, consider buying the gift cards to use for your regular shopping. They also make a great and practical 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.

Activities/Community Service – Lisa Andreini, Chair
lisa-andreini@comcast.net; or call/text her at 732-692-3309

Arts Creative – Daryl Miller – Chair,
darylemiller@gmail.com call/text (732)372-8534

Book Club – Maria Hudak, Chair mhudak0414@yahoo.com.

If anyone is interested in forming a second Book Club group please contact me. Another option is the Enlightened Readers Book Club led by FWC member Lyn Sirota. This book club meets at the Princeton Integral Yoga Community Center and all are welcome. For more information and to register for the next event visit princetoniycc.org

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

Hi all -

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 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 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 or call me at (908) 616 – 5166.

Thanks,
Angela Dubivsky, Communications Chair

Conservation/Gardening - Nancy Gale, Chair, NancLG@aol.com,
Geri Krassowski, Co-Chair, gerik2@gmail.com

Anyone who is interested in joining the Conservation & Garden committee for the 2019-2020 club year please let Nancy or Geri know. We can always use ideas on projects and activities/trips for the Club.

Education Committee - Tracy Muse, Chair

The Book Drive for kids & teens will be ongoing. See the flyer posted on our website for all the details.

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

Hospitality- Joy Baptist, Chair (joywbaptist3@verizon.net), (732) 247-2214.

Please check the hostess list on the first page. Hostesses for the September general meeting should arrive at school at 6:25 pm.

Our theme is ***Red, White and Blue.***

Sign-up sheets for hostess duties will be put out prior to the start of the meeting. Openings for October November, December, January and February need to be filled. Please remember to select a month.

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

UPDATE: The pending New Jersey legislation that we were watching last spring regarding **Child Trafficking** has been approved! Governor Murphy approved it on July 19. The law “requires the Department of Education to develop guidelines for school districts concerning **child trafficking awareness and prevention.**” It will be a while before the programs are in widespread use, but this is an encouraging step. (I believe there will be a three-year pilot program.)

We will continue to collect new and gently used bras for the “**Free the Girls**” organization. These bras become inventory for former victims of sex trafficking to use in their own businesses.

NEW: We are looking into doing a service activity in conjunction with the **Operation Smile** organization. **Operation Smile** doctors perform free surgery worldwide, mostly for children born with a cleft lip or palate. We will be making drawstring bags (Smile Bags) that will be filled with articles that will facilitate the children’s recuperation after surgery. Details to follow.

Legislative Issues & Public Affairs - Phyllis Beals, Chair, awpbeals@comcast.net

Do you have a particular public issue you would like to see our local, state or national representatives address? Please consider joining the Legislative Issues Committee.

As members of the NJSFWC we are to work on passage of legislation which pertains to resolutions that have been passed at state convention. Last year our club’s resolution to try to halt the sale of invasive barberry bushes was passed, and we will be advocating with various state agencies on this issue. Other interests that our club members have relate to stopping child sex trafficking and decreasing repeat DUI offenses, among others. Your help and ideas are needed! Email or call Phyllis Beals, Legislative Chairperson if you are interested.

Our club is part of a coalition of NJ Climate Defenders. Of great importance in this area is stopping the building of the NESE gas compressor station in Franklin Township and the pipeline through Raritan Bay.

A rally on this proposed compressor station and pipeline will take place on Wednesday 9/14/19, to send a message to Governor Murphy. I will be happy to take four passengers with me to the rally in Red Bank in the morning: departing about 9:15 a.m. for 10:30 rally. The goal is to send a message to Governor Murphy to deny the permits for the pipeline and compressor station once and for all without more chances to reapply! Perhaps a luncheon in Red Bank might be possible after the

rally ends around noon. ***If you're interested in attending the rally, please contact me, Phyllis Beals @ awpbeals@comcast.net or 732-545-2321.***

Voter registration for the November 5 general election is Tuesday October 15 either in person or with mailed in registration having postmark of 10/15/19. If you have moved across town or across the state you need to re-register. Young people ages 17 and up can register but need to be 18 by the time of the election to vote. Absentee ballots may be applied for and used for voting for any reason, and the deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 7 days before the election or 10/29. In-person request for absentee ballot is the day before the election or 11/4/19.

Elections will include NJ Assembly, local Township Council, Board of Education, County Board of Supervisors and County Sheriff. One of our members Christina Ganzer-Zambri is running for Township Council. All of the women's clubs are to remain non-partisan and we cannot endorse a candidate, but we applaud Christina for her willingness to run for public office.

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