



March 2020 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

Saturday, March 7 – **Trip to the Philadelphia Flower show**

Tuesday, March 10 – **Monthly General Meeting, 7 PM** at Franklin High School
SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT #2

Tuesday, March 24 – **Board Meeting**, 7 pm @ Moe's

Friday, April 3 – **Tricky Tray fundraiser** @ Franklin High School

Thurs. April 23 – **Spring Conference and Achievement Day Contest**

The ANNUAL DINNER is on MAY 19th. More information in the next newsletter.

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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>

Hostesses for the March 10th General Meeting

Pat Kaufhold, Irene Califiore, Latanya Knibbs, Sherice McQueen, Phyllis Beals, Kathleen Williamson, and Lee Boyer

Kathleen has everything for St Patrick's Day, so please try to be at school by 6:25pm to help set up.

Otherwise, please help with break down and clean up after the meeting. Any questions, please call Joy Baptist @ (732) -247-2214

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

In March of 1920, West Virginia and Washington State became the 34th and 35th states to ratify the 19th Amendment. That left only 1 more state to go before it became law. Since March is Women's History Month, the New York Historical Society has just opened a new exhibit called "**Women March**," an interactive presentation about the long and complicated struggle to win suffrage. For a video interview about the new exhibit, follow this

link: <https://abc7ny.com/society/new-exhibit-celebrates-100th-anniversary-of-womens-right-to-vote/5969549/>

If you would like to learn more there are many opportunities during the month of March at the Somerset County Library System's 10 branches. I have included the attachment and the links for sign up. All programs are FREE!

To learn more about events in New Jersey to mark the Centennial follow this link: <https://discovernjhistory.org/njwomenvote2020/njwomenvoteevents/>

NOMINATIONS for positions in the club

I would be Honored to Serve as President 2020-2021

I have put my name forward to run to serve as the President of the Franklin Woman's Club for the 2020-2021 club year. While it's common for the president to serve in office for two years, I'm going to take it one year at a time, should I be elected. I'm proud of the women in our club and their commitment to community service, fund raising to help Franklin Township girls receive scholarships for college as well as raising funds for children all over the world who can't access immunizations easily, to assist victims of sex trafficking support themselves financially through the Free the Girls international program. Advocating for

environmental protections, bus drivers to have to have good driving records, and many other issues are just a few of the concerns that we as local, state and Greater federation members care about, and try to pass legislation on the same. Friendships & fun outings, interesting programs; we who get involved and help keep the club moving forward are very fortunate. I've served in other organizations as President, and while I know I'm in for a lot of work, and time devoted to the club, I can't think of a better way to serve and hopefully, be a good leader. Please consider serving as Recording Secretary, which I believe is the only remaining office to be filled. I can share ideas how to make it easy, and perhaps shorter minutes are possible by Roberts' Rules.

If anyone wants to run for President, nominations will be accepted at the time of the election, hopefully that will be the April meeting. Please contact Lisa Andreini, Kecia Baptist or Carolyn Solimine if you will serve as Recording Secretary.

Thank you.
Phyllis Beals

Other Positions –

1st Vice-President (Programs)– Ellen Junas

2nd Vice-President (Membership) – Stephanie Carr

Treasurer - Carolyn Lance

Corresponding Secretary – Maria Hudak / Geri Krassowski

Recording Secretary - open



March birthdays

March 7 - Shirleece Roberts-Jackson

March 8 - Sherice McQueen

March 14 - Manisha Makwana

March 15 - Carolyn Lance

March 18 - Eileen Kornberger

March 22 - Cindy Hicks

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

2020-2021 Membership Dues

We sincerely hope you are enjoying being a member of the Franklin Woman's Club and that you are planning to renew your membership for the **2020-2021** club year. The cost is \$38 for the General Membership and \$28 for Life Members with 25+ years of service.

The deadline is **April 20th**. For record-keeping purposes, we are only accepting personal checks (made payable to Franklin **Woman's Club**). You may bring your check to either the March 10th or April 14th meetings, or mail it to:

Kecia Baptist
858 Hamilton Street
Somerset, NJ 08873

Although our next club year doesn't start until September, dues are paid in advance so our membership numbers can be reported to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs prior to May 1. Twenty-five dollars of each due's payment goes to NJSFWC and the remainder goes into our General Fund.

Membership Committee

We are looking for members who are willing to serve on the Membership Committee next club year. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Kecia or Stephanie.

FWC Polo Shirts

If you would like to order a shirt, contact Amy Manifase at shantimanifest@gmail.com or see her at a meeting. Be sure to get yours in time for Tricky Tray!

Guests

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

Carpools

Contact Stephanie 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; (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)

Tricky Tray -- Friday, April 3

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

Refreshment table

Please sign up to donate refreshments for the Tricky Tray. We are looking for homemade or purchased items such as cookies, brownies, mini muffins, mini cupcakes, and grapes. Joy Baptist is coordinating this effort and will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. If you are unable to sign up at the meeting, please call Joy on 732-247-2214 (home) or 908-720-8385 (cell) to sign up.

+Help needed the day of the event -- All hands-on deck!!!

Lisa Andreini is coordinating volunteers for the day of Tricky Tray. Please look for the sign-up sheet at the March meeting, or reach out to her separately. We need massive club member involvement to pull this event off. You can (and should) volunteer to help even if you are not attending the Tricky Tray. Many members attending Tricky Tray will need to "work" for an hour during the calling of numbers (have a friend watch your tickets for you). Tasks include, but are not limited to:

- purchasing strawberries at Costco (morning or early afternoon)
- picking up refreshments from businesses in Somerset and Piscataway (afternoon)
- driving prize baskets from members' homes to FHS around 3 PM
- 2:30 - 5:00 setup at FHS, including carrying in of prizes if youth volunteers not sufficient
- ordering pizza for club members and youth volunteers doing setup (pizza can be picked up or delivered to FHS around 5:00.)
- 5:45 - 7:00: selling of extra ticket sheets and bundles
- 5:45 - 9:00: selling 50/50 tickets
- 5:45 - 9:30: staffing the soda/water/coffee tables
- 5:45 - 9:30: monitoring the refreshment table

- 7:30 - 9:30: assisting with pulling of winning tickets
- 7:30 - 9:30: assisting runners, or acting as runners if youth volunteers not sufficient
- 9:30 - 10:00 cleanup

Tickets

Admission tickets have been selling slowly compared to last year, but steadily, and there is a good chance we will sell out in advance again. Anyone still needing to order an admission ticket can visit the Tricky Tray page of our club website for the paper order form or the link to order online. If you have any questions about admission tickets, please contact Karen Hagerman at kmhagerman@yahoo.com or text or call her on her cell 908-210-4443. Make sure your friends know to bring cash with them to buy extra ticket sheets or bundles (\$30 or \$50), as well as 50/50 tickets.

Prize Status

Thanks to the efforts of club members that shopped, solicited, and/or wrapped baskets, we will have around 350 fabulous prizes, including an air fryer, Instant Pot, Ring Doorbell, Echo Dot (Alexa), designer bags, restaurant and theater gift certificates, and themed baskets (tea, gardening, outdoor entertaining, relaxation, wine, margarita, cooking, baking, etc.). This is around the same number of prizes we had in 2018. We have intentionally reduced the number of prizes for this year compared to our all-time high of 450 prizes last year due to feedback that the Tricky Tray went too late last year. We will have 3 Grand Prizes: a TV, Disney passes, and \$300 in Amazon gift cards.

Shop Rite Gift Cards – Karen Hagerman, kmhagerman@yahoo.com, (908) 210-4443 (cell)

The Club offers Shop Rite gift cards for your personal use or gift-giving. Gift cards will be available in \$100, \$50, and \$25 denominations at the March 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 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.

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

First, I want to thank those of you who participated in the packing at *Operation Jersey Cares*. We packed 16 boxes to send to the troops and also sorted and did some prepping of

items for future packings. If you know someone who is serving overseas you can send their information to OJC to have packages delivered to them. A list of items was sent under a separate email they are in need of for the packages. I will be collecting these items at the March and April General Meeting.

At this month's service project meeting there will be cards for the troops. Please come to the OJC table and fill out cards. If you are not sure what to write there will be samples to help you.

Lastly, I am working on the volunteer list for the day of the Tricky Tray and will be reaching out to you individually to confirm your availability.

Achievement Day – Kathy Deily, Chair, kdeily142@yahoo.com

Achievement Day also known as *Spring Conference and Achievement Day of the College District* will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the Somerville Elks, 375 Union Ave (Route 28), Bridgewater. This event brings together all 30 club in our College District and is an excellent way to see what other women's clubs are involved in and get and share ideas.

Achievement Day is also an opportunity for you to submit craft items that YOU create in the Arts Creative portion of the contest or make a garden themed entry in the Conservation and Garden portion of the contest. For information please go to our website --- <http://www.franklinwomansclub.com> --- and click on the icon at the far right--MORE -- then click on members and scroll down to Achievement Day info. Arts Creative has 23 categories---needlework, paper arts, baking to painting. Conservation & Garden has 17 different categories---flower arrangements to entering your house plants. There is a category for everyone !!!!

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

Book Club – (evening) Maria Hudak, Chair mhudak0414@yahoo.com.
(daytime) Lyn Sirota, lyn.sirota@gmail.com

The “Somerset Diner” chapter of the FWC book club has 11 members and we meet once a month at the Somerset Diner to discuss a book and enjoy a meal together. In February we discussed “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean. The book was a hit with our group. It begins with an account of the devastating fire in the Los Angeles Public Library on April 28, 1986. Susan Orlean’s description of that day made us feel like we were actually there. She goes on to explain the effort to restore the library, its role in the LA community and the investigation of what/who caused the fire. She also tells the story of how the LA Public Library came to be including some very interesting characters from libraries past. Overall an interesting read and recommended by our group. In February we’re reading “Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah and looking forward to our March meeting to discuss it.

If anyone is interested in forming a second Book Club please contact Maria and she'll help connect another group. A good size is 8 – 10 members but less than 8 can also work well.

Another option is the Enlightened Readers Book Group led by club member Lyn Sirota. Meetings are held at the Princeton Integral Yoga Community Center for more information contact Lyn at lyn.sirota@gmail.com.

Special State Project - Bonnie Martin, Chair, Irene Fidler, Co-Chair

We will be selecting a new special project at the March meeting. It will replace CASA and run for the next 2 years.

Three choices are being offered:

Embrella (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services)
Operation Chillout outreach for homeless veterans
NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Some offer more chances for involvement by club members and others focus on monetary contributions over service time. More information will be provided at the meeting.

Communications/Publicity -

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

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

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.

Volunteer Opportunity -

We are looking for a Chairperson to take over the Education Committee for next year!
Please contact Tracy Muse for more information.

Environmental Issues - Phyllis Beals, awpbeals@comcast.net

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
Feel free to wear something GREEN to the general meeting.

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

Thank you for donating \$50.18 to **Shot@Life** at the general meeting last month. For details about this United Nations Foundation's campaign and how we help, please visit our club's website and click on the "Giving Back" tab, and/or visit shot@life.org. There will be an opportunity to donate at a meeting at least one more time this club year.

Members may donate new or gently used bras at any meeting. They are shipped to former victims of sex trafficking to allow them sell the merchandise in their own businesses, thus providing income for themselves and their families. For more details about **Free the Girls**, please visit our club's website under "Giving Back" or visit freethegirls.org.

Legislation and Public Issues – Phyllis Beals, awpbeals@comcast.net
732-331-3416

UPDATES ON THE NESE PIPELINE AND GAS COMPRESSOR STATION

Please sign the petition which will be available on Tuesday March 10 at the ADVOCACY/LEGISLATIVE ISSUES TABLE as part of our club's service night program.

If you are a newer member to the club, and are unfamiliar with the issues of the Williams Transco NESE Pipeline feel free to talk to Nancy Gale or Phyllis Beals. For great update information go to www.scrap-nese.org.

To put it briefly, applications for permits have been re-filed by Williams Transco and we have until April 3 to file comments with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and to the Governor. If you were previously an intervenor with FERC you may wish to file a comment about a right of way issue that also pertains to the pipeline project.

Sunshine – Kathy Deily, Chair

If anyone needs SUNSHINE --get well, thinking of you, or sympathy, please e-mail Kathy Deily at kdeily142@yahoo.com