





December 1, 2020 Newsletter

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FWC December Calendar

Dec 1 – FWC Book Club via Zoom @7pm

Dec 8 – FWC General Meeting via Zoom @7pm – wear a holiday sweater!

Dec 31 – 2020 is finally over! **Happy New Year!**  
Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanzaa!

A Message from the FWC President, Phyllis Beals, awpbeals@comcast.net, (732) 331-3416 (cell)

Before you know it, we will be wrapping up 2020, but before we do, this officer hopes to see as many of you as possible, and to hear from some of you via phone dial-in for our December 8 meeting. The zoom link will be sent out on Friday 12/4 and again on Tuesday 12/8. You can join anytime from 6:45 on but the meeting will start at 7 pm. It should be an entertaining program as this presenter has come recommended to us, and we had hoped to see this last December 2019, but inclement weather forced the cancellation of the December meeting. Vice-President for Programs Ellen Junas has done a great job lining up the presenter, and programs for 2021 also. Until things improve significantly regarding COVID-19 we will continue to meet virtually via zoom. Thank you, Ellen!

Thank you, Joanne Murset, Fundraising Chairman, and all who helped make the online auction successful. A huge undertaking it was but as usual Joanne rose to the challenge. Remember, this is Joanne's last year as Fundraising Chairman. Please contact Joanne to ask how you might help her this winter and/or spring with any fundraising plans.

Thank you everyone who donated for our Thanksgiving holiday food baskets, and an extra thank you to Lisa Andreini and Nancy Gale for assembling and gift wrapping the baskets at Lisa's home.

A volunteer is needed for the pop-tab collection for **Ronald McDonald House's benefit**. If you would be willing to receive donations (could be set up right outside your door in a drop-off style) and deliver them to the New Brunswick location once or twice a year, please contact me.

Twice a year our club members have provided goodie bags for residents at Spring Hills Assisted Living Facility on Demott Lane. **A volunteer** is needed to call the facility and inquire if they would like candy goodie bags delivered sometime in December to early January. If you would be willing to head up this small project and call Spring Hills Activities Director, contact me as soon as possible.

Please support our hard-working College District Council Vice-President Mary Lou Bak by attending the January Council meeting on January 28 @ 10 am via zoom. The zoom invitation will be sent out close to the meeting date.

Looking forward to 2021 with all of you!

Phyllis Beals

PS – Sending with this newsletter are notes from the fall NJSFWC conference, with ideas to be considered by the club

Federation News from College District VP, Mary Lou Bak, marylb656@cs.com

Plans continue to be made for virtual workshops and meetings for the College District and the Federation. The College District January Council will be another Zoom meeting on January 28, 2021 at 10 AM. There will be a Federation Zoom workshop on using the NJSFWC Website on January 7, 2021 at 7PM. Access information for both will be forthcoming.

The GFWC Website keeps members apprised of issues pertaining to the public welfare. They have listed the following information on a webinar this Thursday, December 3 at 12 Noon about addressing elder abuse during the Pandemic:

Virtual Hill Briefing Convened by National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (NHCVA), Elder Justice Coalition, Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer's Impact Movement:

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, seniors are at increased risk for elder abuse and face unique barriers to receiving assistance. Join us to hear from leading health and advocacy experts to lift up these issues to better understand how seniors are more susceptible to abuse during this time and share timely policy solutions.

Honorary Congressional Hosts:

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Rep. Peter King (R-NY), Co-Chairs of the Bipartisan Elder Justice Caucus

Speakers:

- Tonya McFadden, MS, MSA, Director, Strategies for Health Equity at American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) (moderator)
- Xinqi Dong, MD, MPH, Director, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Laura Thornhill, Senior Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs at Alzheimer's Association
- Robert B. Blancato, National Coordinator, Elder Justice Coalition

The address to register is https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3MEKmvAORpCxtuVrPog2Wg

However you will be observing this Holiday Season, I wish you all a safe and pleasant one!

Programs – Ellen Junas, VP Programs, ellen.junas.att@icloud.com

Our next meeting is on December 8, 2020: We will be having a wonderful Presentation by Kevin Woyce called Christmas Traditions 🎄🌟🎅

Ladies please try to wear an ugly holiday sweater 🧶. There may be prizes for the ugliest or funniest holiday sweater (gift cards) voted by members! Thank you

Membership - Stephanie Carr, Chair, stephpto@comcast.net, (cell) 732-668-5430 (Assistant: Mary Ann Renzulli)

A huge welcome to our newest members, **Deana Luchs and Lucy O'Connor**
PLEASE add their info into your yearbooks on the page **Welcome New Members**:

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Now that the 2020-2021 yearbooks have been distributed, consider reaching out with a phone call or email to the member listed before and after your name in the yearbook. Get to know someone new or connect with a member friend you haven't see in a while!

Please keep in mind a friend, neighbor, colleague may be looking for a way to give back to our community while making new friends, so mention the Franklin Woman's Club and our website as appropriate. Invite them as a guest to one of our general meetings and they can see and hear who we are. We always welcome new club members.

- Guests

If you would like us to invite a guest(s) to the November virtual meeting, please let Stephanie know so she can contact them with the zoom information. We are open for new members, and guests are always welcomed.

Arts and Culture – Sherice McQueen, Chair, pinkladysmm@yahoo.com

Please email your favorite Cultural Recipe with a short entry about what it means to you to have that meal. We will compile all recipes and distribute to club members. Send to Sherice at pinkladysmm@yahoo.com

Arts Performing – Delores Still, Chair, gvxm33a@prodigy.net

Civic Engagement and Outreach – Irene Fisler, Chair, ifisler@comcast.net, 908-902-3261(c)

Education & Libraries – Tracy Coney-Muse, Chair, tracygcm7@gmail.com

Environment - Nancy Gale, Co-Chair, NancLG@aol.com; Geri Krassowski, Co-Chair, gerik2@gmail.com

Update on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (Original post regarding the MBTA can be found on the Advocacy page on the FWC website.)

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) is a significant bird conservation law in effect since 1918. The Interior Department has just published a Final Environmental Impact Statement which will reinterpret the MBTA to allow the “incidental take” of migratory birds, which is unintended bird deaths that result from industrial activity, such as by electric utilities and oil and gas companies.. This means that these companies would no longer be held responsible for bird deaths resulting from their activities, such as oil spills.

Conservationists have argued the rule would undermine industry's incentive to take precautions that could avoid needless bird deaths. Proposed changes in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act would make protections apply only to activities that *purposefully* kill birds, exempting all industrial hazards from enforcement. Any “incidental” death—no matter how inevitable, avoidable or devastating to birds—becomes immune from enforcement under the law. Despite comments from 250,000 people opposing the proposed rule change, and a [federal court ruling in August that invalidated the policy](#), the current administration plans to finalize the rule change before the end of the year.

The [Migratory Bird Protection Act \(MBPA\)](#) is a bill introduced this year and pending in the House (H.R. 5552). It will once again require industry to take proactive measures to reduce bird deaths, and would also establish a new fee paid by industry that will increase funding for the conservation of birds impacted by these industrial

hazards, and an additional fund to establish a new federal research program that will study industry impacts on birds and best management practices. Please encourage your representatives to support this bill.

https://act.audubon.org/a/dont-let-interior-department-gut-migratory-bird-treaty-act?ms=policy-adv-web-website_nas-engagementcard-20190109_mbpa_alert

- While we're on the subject of birds, sending with this newsletter are directions for a fun activity your feathered friends will appreciate – how to make an easy birdseed wreath! Enjoy making with the kids or grandkids, or keep yourself busy while staying at home



Health and Wellness - Valerie Buckner, vabuckner@comcast.net

We shipped 61 beautiful and colorful Smile Bags to Operation Smile last week. This Project will be ongoing. The members who made Smile Bags and/or donated materials for them are: Phyllis Beals, Valerie Buckner, Tracy Coney-Muse, Kathy Deily, Karen Hagerman, and Bonnie Martin. Thank you, Ladies!

Please see our club's website for pictures and an article about this project.
(<https://franklinwomansclub.webs.com/our-service>)

Legislation and Resolutions—Sue Carroll, Chair, scarroll@rutgers.edu, 732-690-0916

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

Our November read was “The Woman in the Window” by A.J. Finn. It’s the story of Anna Fox who lives alone, confined to her home due to her agoraphobia. She entertains herself by watching old black and white movies and spying on her neighbors. When the Russells move into the neighborhood they seem like a nice family, especially Jane Russell who befriends Anna. Then one night, while looking out her window, Anna sees Jane Russell murdered. But when Jane Russell walks through Anna’s door the next day, Anna isn’t sure what she saw. The story’s unexpected twists and turns continue as we learn more about Anna and what happened at the Russell’s. Definitely a hard to put down book.

If anyone is interested in forming a second Book Club, please contact Maria Hudak. She’ll explain how our evening book club is structured and help connect another group. A good size is 8 – 10 members but less than 8 works well too.

Community Services - Lisa Andreini, Chair, lisa-andreini@comcast.net

I want to thank you all for your generous donations for this year’s Holiday Food Baskets. Nancy Gale and I put together and delivered 4 Baskets for Thanksgiving to the Franklin Township Resource Center. It was decided that this year these baskets be distributed to Seniors in our Community as there is a large need to help our Seniors. Please check the website to see the pictures of the baskets that were created and delivered. The December baskets will also be distributed to Seniors. If you signed up to donate something for the December baskets, I will need those donations no later than Saturday 12/11/20. You can contact me at lisa-andreini@comcast.net or text or call me at 732-692-3309 if you have any questions or need directions on delivery of your donations. Thank you all for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Fundraising – Joanne Murset, Chair, JMurset@hotmail.com 732-220-8617(h), 908-227-7278 (c)

Old York Cellars Wine Label Fundraiser -- Perfect for Holiday Gifts!

Did you know that Old York Cellars was recently named New Jersey Winery of the Year?! Orders for their wines with our specialty labels can now be picked up at Old York Cellars in Bridgewater Commons as well as at Quakerbridge Mall and the winery in Ringoes. Choose from a dry white blend, a dry red blend, and a semi-sweet blush, each with a unique label, or order one of each! At only \$20 plus tax, a bottle of wine with one of our whimsical labels ("Smile, There's Wine", "2020 Survival Beverage") makes a perfect holiday gift! Or order three or more (perhaps one of each) and have them delivered to yourself or your recipient for only \$10. Bottles can be ordered from the Old York Cellar's website <https://www.oldyorkcellars.com/Franklin-Woman-s-Club>. Making a spur-of-the-moment trip to the mall? Give OYC a call first to see if they can get your order ready for you. Otherwise, it is recommended that you order at least 24 hours before you plan to pick up your order. **I will be going to pick up some bottles for Christmas gifts in mid-December. If you'd like me to pick up your order for you, please place your order by Thursday, Dec. 10,** and email jmurset@hotmail.com or text me on 908-227-7278 to let me know to pick up your order, which you can later pick up at my Somerset home. FWC receives \$3.80 for each bottle purchased.

- Online Auction

Our online auction was a great success, with over 500 bids placed, and some items receiving more than 20 competing bids! 95 of 112 items were sold. Revenue generated was \$2891.33. Profit is expected to top \$2500. Thank you to everyone that helped prepare or publicize the auction, especially Stephanie Carr and Phyllis Beals.

- **Terry Lynn Nut & Candy Sale** - Delores Still, gvxm33a@prodigy.net

Franklin Woman's Club now has a site to order Terri Lynn "goodies". <https://franklin-womans-club.terri Lynn.com> is the address. There is a \$5 shipping fee, no matter how much the order. Tell your friends. The site is year-round and FWC will be able to raise funds as long as we purchase their tasty goodies.

- **Shop Rite Gift Cards** – Stephanie Carr, stephpto@comcast.net (732 668-5430)

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 Stephanie to purchase cards, and yes, we can still arrange to get them to you.

Special State Project – Bonnie Martin, queenbonne@yahoo.com

Operation Chillout is selling lapel pins for \$5 as another way of supporting the homeless. (I'll show it to you on Zoom at our meeting!) Wearing the pin can prompt questions from friends and help spread awareness for the program.

Operation Chillout is not able to have their usual fundraisers this year, but the homeless veterans still need warm clothes. Please consider a donation this holiday season.

You may donate online by going to OperationChillout.org (tons of information there about their work and history), scroll down to donate button, pay with credit card or paypal. In the instructions to seller section you might enter that you are a Franklin Woman's Club member. If you prefer to pay by check, make checks payable to Operation Chillout, enter woman's club donation in memo line and mail it to Operation Chillout PO Box 353 Long Valley NJ 07853.

Sunshine – Kathy Deily, kdeily142@yahoo.com

If anyone needs SUNSHINE--- sympathy, get well, or thinking of you----please e-mail Kathy to have her send a card.

Notes from the Treasurer

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(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>

Members' Corner



December Birthdays:

12/5	Delores Still
12/14	Lyn Sirota
12/21	Beate Utz
12/25	Carol Davis
12/27	Valerie Buckner

Member Spotlight:

Club Zoom meetings just can't take the place of face-to-face socializing with members. In order to get to know our club members better, this month we are shining the spotlight on **Jigna Dave** who has answered the call for members to share information about themselves and what they have been doing during these unprecedented times. We'd like to make this a regular feature, so feel free to send the editor a few words about yourself and your interests.

We thank Jigna for all her generous activities, and for helping us get to know her better:

Here are some interesting activities I have been involved in and about me.

- I am a Realtor at Weidel Real Estate, Princeton NJ - www.jignadave.agent.weidel.com is my website
- I am a member of NJ VEG group. We have monthly meet ups either online or vegan restaurants for lunch.
- I am a member of the World vegan vision group from 2020 August.
- I also attend South Asian monthly meetup meetings by Saint Peter hospital diabetes center.
- During Covid 19 -April and May month my family provided lunch from Vinny's pizza Kendall Park NJ to Walgreen and CVS staff on Route 27 Kendall park area. Also on Gas station we gave fruit bags to the staff.
- I also donated gift cards from Bagel Market & Deli to a beauty salon in Skillman NJ.

- After living in Fresh Meadows, New York for 8 years, I have been a South Brunswick, NJ resident for over the past 16 years. I have 17 years of experience in the HealthCare & Business Administration industry. This knowledge and experience has equipped me with valuable skills in real estate negotiations, educating home-buyers and sellers, and effectively marketing listings.
- My husband (Dhimant Dave) is civil engineer and working with NJSDA. During Covid 19 their project is considered essential and almost 150 people are working on that project in Passaic. They are building 4 schools . Each School has a name given:
 - The Abraham Lincoln School (Pre-K program) will include: 28 classrooms, three specialized rooms and a courtyard play area.
 - The Mahatma Gandhi Elementary School program includes: 33 general classrooms, five self-contained special education classrooms, three science labs, media center, music room and gym.
 - The Ellen Ochoa Gifted and Talented Academy (Magnet School program) will include: 28 general classrooms, three self-contained special educational classrooms, three science labs, art room, dance studio, vocal music room, media center, two Teach to One Learning Areas and cafeteria.
 - The Muhammad Ali School (Middle School Program) will include: 27 general classrooms, six self-contained special education classrooms, three science labs, four project labs, three Teach to One Learning Areas, gym, cafeteria as well as classrooms dedicated to the arts.
- My Daughter (Rucha Dave) is in 3rd year of College (Biomedical engineering) Temple University, Philadelphia PA

Members' Corner is a way to share information about what our club members and what they have been doing to keep busy, fun on-line programs you've attended or are aware of, and any other items that may be of interest to the FWC, such as awards, or family celebrations. Please email the newsletter editor, Nancy Gale, NanLG@aol.com, with anything that you'd like to share. We'll include it in our next issue.

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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>