



## February 2020 Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS -

Friday, Feb. 7 – **National WEAR RED Day** in support of heart health

Friday, Feb. 7 – **Wine and Dreams** painting outing, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb 11 – **Monthly General Meeting, 7 PM** at Franklin High School

**Ladies of History: A Victorian Valentine with Alisa Dupuy** - Dressed in authentic Victorian era bustle gowns, Alisa Dupuy will present the history of courtship, Valentine's Day rituals, the "language" of fans and flowers and more.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 - **Board Meeting**, 7 pm @ Moe's. Hostess is Nancy Hargett

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

Visit [theflowershow.org](http://theflowershow.org) for info and discounted ticket

Friday, April 3 - **Tricky Tray fundraiser**

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

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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>

Hostesses for the Feb 11th General Meeting (Be My Valentine):

Carolyn Lance, Sharon Coney, Amy Manifase, Shirleece Roberts, Beate Utz

If you can arrive at the school early (6:15 pm @ front door of school) please help Joy unload the van. The second group, please help with break down and clean up after the meeting. Any questions please call Joy Baptist @ (732) -247-2214

If anyone else would like to bring something, please feel free to do so.

## Women's History-

### Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right to Vote

The following post appears on the <https://discovernjhistory.org> website, and describes a project being sponsored by the NJ Women Vote, the state's 19th Amendment Centennial organization: On February 9, 1920, New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. To mark our state's suffrage centennial, NJ Women Vote: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100 and the New Jersey Center for Civic Education introduce NJ Vote 100, an online mock election for New Jersey schools this February 2020. NJ Vote 100 will engage students in civics and the voting process while honoring the movement for women's suffrage.

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



### February birthdays

February 2 - Cathy Nolan

February 5 - Sarah Melvin

February 11 - Karen Bauer

February 11 - Phyllis Toms

February 12 - Geri Krassowski

February 15 - Marilyn Kuna

**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

Nancy Gale's new cell phone number is 848-702-9714. Please update the information in your Yearbooks.

### **2020-2021 Membership Committee**

We are looking for members to serve on the Membership Committee for the next club year. Please contact Kecia or Stephanie if you are interested.

### **Yearbooks**

Yearbook distribution will continue at the February General Membership Meeting. If you have not received yours please be sure to pick it up at the check in table.

If you know someone who is unable to attend meetings and you are willing to hand-deliver them a Yearbook, please let Kecia know at or before the meeting.

\*\*\*NOTE: Due to an extra supply of Yearbooks, we are waiving the \$5 replacement fee for lost Yearbooks.

### **Business Cards**

Business cards will be available at the check-in table and members may receive up to 5. More are available for use while soliciting for Tricky Tray.

### **FWC Polo Shirts**

If you would like to order a shirt, contact Amy Manifest at [shantimanifest@gmail.com](mailto: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 February 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](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)**

### **Wine & Dreams Painting Fundraiser** - Bonnie Martin, Chair

Dear FWC members (and friends),

Our painting experience is this Friday, February, 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 pm at Wine & Dreams, 120 Cedar Grove Lane. It's in the same strip mall as Starbucks.

**PLEASE text me (Bonnie) at 732-476-8863 if you are coming by WEDNESDAY**

(I need to let them know how many canvasses we need)

If you have not sent your check- bring it on Friday, made out to "Franklin Woman's Club"  
We have room for friends ☺

We could use appetizers and desserts- let me know if you can bring something!

I will text those who have signed up for food and wine!

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Bonnie

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

Club Contact: Joanne Murset, home 732-220-8617,

cell 908-227-7278 [JMurset@hotmail.com](mailto:JMurset@hotmail.com)

### **Ticket Sales (Admission tickets and bonus packs)**

Tricky Tray tickets (\$20 admission tickets and \$30 and \$50 bonus packs) are now on sale to the general public. Ticket orders can be mailed to the club PO Box using the attached form, or purchased online using this link (fee applies): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-tricky-tray-dessert-bar-hosted-by-the-franklin-womans-club-tickets-90548558175>

Please do not delay in placing your orders! You can submit payment for members of your group at different times (while tickets last). As long as you use the same group leader name, you will be seated together. If you do not have someone specific to sit with, you can write a note on your order form, "Please seat me with other club members." General

Tricky Tray questions can be directed to Joanne Murset but questions about tickets orders, such as "Did you get my order?" should be directed to Karen Hagerman at [fwctrickytray@yahoo.com](mailto:fwctrickytray@yahoo.com) or text or leave a message for her at 908-210-4443.

### **Refreshment Donations**

Last year, for the first time ever, we were short on refreshments at the Tricky Tray! You can support the Tricky Tray by making or purchasing refreshments for the Dessert Table (fresh fruit, baked goods, etc.) Joy Baptist will have a sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings.

### **Basket Making & Storing**

Prize basket assembly has gotten off to a great start! Thanks to all of the ladies that have been helping with this task and with soliciting of prizes and ads. Once baskets are assembled, they need to be transported to homes of club members for storage until the day of Tricky Tray. If you can help with basket assembly or storage, please contact Joanne Murset at [JMurset@hotmail.com](mailto:JMurset@hotmail.com), home phone 732-220-8617, or text/call her cell 908-227-7278. If you have any items to donate for prizes, please get them to Joanne ASAP.

### **Day of Event**

Remember to keep your schedule open, if possible, during the day (or at least afternoon) of April 3rd in order to help with picking up refreshment donations, transporting baskets to FHS, and setup. We will also need people to sell tickets and soda/water, and to replenish the dessert table, in shifts both before and during the Tricky Tray. We will also need people to help with cleanup at the end of the night. Lisa Andreini will create a schedule of volunteers for the day of Tricky Tray in March.

**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 be available in \$100, \$50, and \$25 denominations at the February 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](mailto:lisa-andreini@comcast.net); or call/text her at 732-692-3309

**Achievement Day** – Kathy Deily, Chair, [kdeily142@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:darylemiller@gmail.com) call/text (732)372-8534

Help Needed - The Christmas tree that the club displays at the Franklin Library every December is in need of a new summer home. If you can store a box for us until December, please contact Daryl.

**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.

**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. Your

donation at the general meetings will be greatly appreciated! Please check the website for requested items.

### **Communications/Publicity** -

Angela Dubivsky will be leaving us for her new home in Arkansas. We thank her for all her efforts and hard work on behalf of our club. We wish her all the BEST!!

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

*Save the Date:* **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show.**

*This year's theme is Riviera Holiday*

Inspired by the world's exotic Mediterranean gardens, the 2020 Philadelphia Flower Show invites you to fall in love with gardening all over again.

For more details visit the PHS website: [theflowershow.com](http://theflowershow.com)

If you are interested in attending you can purchase a discounted admission ticket online. We will either carpool and split toll and parking costs or work out mass transit details depending on how many people want to attend. Please contact Nancy or Geri with questions.

**Education Committee** - Tracy Muse, Chair, [tracygcm7@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Scholarship application packets** for graduating Seniors who reside in Franklin are also posted on the website. The deadline is 2/28/20.

**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](mailto:awpbeals@comcast.net)

Important Environmental News Update on the Williams-Transco NESE pipeline and Gas Compressor Station 206 -

Please review the attached file on the recent permit applications.

**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

Feel free to wear something RED to the general meeting.

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

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](http://freethegirls.org).

**Legislation and Public Issues** - Phyllis Beals, [awpbeals@comcast.net](mailto:awpbeals@comcast.net)

There will be a commemorative quarter to celebrate the **100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote**. This passed through Congress and was signed into law in November, 2019.

Many opportunities exist to celebrate the centennial of Women's Suffrage. Interestingly, the 38th state ratified the Equal Rights Amendment in 2019, and now there will be a push to get the deadline extended so that the ERA may become law.

Why is it important after all these years to finish this, and get it passed? Women still earn less than men, and there are other inequities that have to be addressed in court cases, or in very piecemeal fashion over the years.

Please sign up for the **GFWC Action Alert on the GFWC website**. It is easy to do, and you will only receive very infrequent email reminders to contact your representatives on particular issues that the GFWC has endorsed, such as the **Miranda School Bus Driver safety legislation and the Banning of 3D gun printing information**.

Closer to home in NJ, passed into law is a law to allow parolees and probationers to have their voting rights restored.

The state-wide ban on plastic and paper bags passed the NJ Senate but stalled in the Assembly, and it is being reintroduced for the current legislative session. About 38 municipalities in NJ have enacted bans on bags harmful to the environment and wildlife. Franklin Township is considering a ban but it is in the early stages at this time.



In the coming months our club will be working on Voter Registration (which is technically a Public Issues item) in conjunction with local League of Women Voters chapters. **If you are interested in helping register anyone 17 years old and up, please let me know.**

I read through all the resolutions that the GFWC has adopted, revised or amended. If you have thoughts, questions or concerns about an issue or one of the resolutions you see on either the GFWC or the NJSFWC websites, please pass them along to your Legislative Chairperson.

Phyllis Beals [awpbeals@comcast.net](mailto:awpbeals@comcast.net)  
732-331-3416

**Sunshine** – Kathy Deily, Chair

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