



Franklin Woman's Club

Friendship and Community Service since 1922

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UPCOMING EVENTS -

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Outing to Stanton Holly Trail, carpooling TBD

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Monthly General Meeting, 7 PM at Franklin High School

Christmas Traditions program presented by Kevin Woyce - author, photographer and lecturer

Please remember to bring the items that you signed up to donate to the Christmas baskets. Check the attachment for the items list.

Tuesday, Dec 17 - Executive Board Holiday Party, 6:30 PM @ Joy's house

Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Craft Night project – Holiday centerpiece with live greenery, 7 PM @ Geri's house

"Festival of Trees" Outing to Morven Museum in Princeton, Date/Time TBD

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>

Hostesses for the Dec. 10 General Meeting are:

Maria Hudak, Stephanie Carr, Carolyn Solimine, Missy Holzer, Diane Forino, Genie Karanikas, Sandra Cox, Eileen Kornberger, Lyn Sirota, Christina Zambri, Autumn Aulicky.

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

Women's History-

Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right to Vote

The state legislatures of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Colorado ratified the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote in December of 1919. The Colorado State Senate and State House met together in a special session to unanimously vote for the amendment. This brought the number of states that ratified it to 22 by the end of 1919, with 14 more to go. The Library of Congress website has a large collection of documents and photos from the Suffragist movement that can be browsed using the SEARCH tab: <https://www.loc.gov/search/>



December birthdays

December 5 - Delores Still
December 10 - Nan Menon
December 14 - Lyn Sirota
December 21 - Beate Utz
December 25 - Carol Davis
December 27 - Valerie Buckner

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

Welcome to our newest member: Fern Watts.

(To save printing costs, we will no longer issue labels for new members, so please add her information to the New Members page in the back of your Yearbook.)

Fern Watts
7 Rieder Ct.
Somerset, NJ 08873
Home: 732-873-1138
Cell: 908-902-5446
fernwatts@aol.com
Birthday: May 24

Yearbooks

Yearbook distribution will continue at the December General Membership Meeting. If you have not received yours you may 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.

***Please note: There is a \$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.

FWC Polo Shirts

If you would like to order a shirt, contact Amy Manifest at shantimanifest@gmail.com or see her at a meeting.

Guests

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

Carpools

Contact Stephanie Carr 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) Contact: Joanne Murset, JMurset@hotmail.com, (732) 220-8617 (home) or text (908)227-7278 (cell)

Tricky Tray -- Friday, April 3

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

- At the December meeting, I will be collecting gourmet coffee and tea for prize baskets. In January, I will accept donations of gift cards and money towards the purchase of gift cards.
- Thanks to the members that have volunteered to help with soliciting and program typing! If there is anyone else that can help follow up with prior donors (now, or after the holidays), please let me (Joanne) know.
- Tricky Tray tickets will go on sale in January. Specific dates and details will be announced later.
- Basket assembly will take place on Saturdays and Sundays in February and early March. At the January meeting I will have a sign-up sheet for club members willing to help with this. No prior experience (or talent) is required!

TERRI LYNN Fundraiser - Delores Still, chair

Orders will be delivered at the December meeting. Thanks to all who ordered.

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 December 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 for 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 her at 732-692-3309

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank everyone for their donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We put together 4 full dinner baskets which included a \$25 ShopRite Gift Card in each one. At the December meeting everyone will need to bring their food items for the Holiday Dinner Baskets. Attached is the signup sheet listing your name and item you signed up to bring. ***There are still a few items needed so if you didn't have a chance to sign up for any of the items and would like to contribute please contact me via phone or text at (732) 692-3309 or email me at lisa-andreini@comcast.net.***

When I dropped off the Thanksgiving baskets, I had an opportunity to speak with Stephanie at the Resource Center. We came up with the idea of putting together some personal items (such as lotions, shampoos etc.) to be given out as Valentine's gifts. I put together a general list of these items and will be collecting them at the December and January meeting. These items can either be for women or men. If you are unsure what to get you could make a monetary donation and I will pick up some items. Please look in the paper for coupons you can use and there is also the Shop Rite Can-Can sale at the beginning of the new year. For this project, the resource center will be putting together the items for those in need. We will just be supplying the items (and perhaps some decorated baskets they can use).

Arts Creative - Daryl Miller - Chair, Kathy Deily (Achievement Day)

darylemiller@gmail.com call/text (732)372-8534

Please continue to work on white paper snowflakes for our tree at the Franklin Library. Details for drop off and tree setup TBD. Contact Daryl with questions or to help with tree setup.

Holiday Craft Night on Wed. Dec. 18 - 7 PM @ Geri's house

Join us for an easy project to make a holiday centerpiece with live greenery. Cost is between \$5 and \$10 depending on the container and available greens and decorations. All materials will be provided or if you have a favorite container that will hold Aquafoam and water, you can bring it along.

Book Club - (evening) Maria Hudak, Chair mhudak0414@yahoo.com.

(daytime) Lyn Sirota, 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 and not just for the beginning of the school year in September. Your donation at the general meetings will be greatly appreciated! Please check the website for requested items.

Communications/Publicity - Angela Dubivsky, Chair

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

We will be going to the Morven Museum's "[Festival of Trees](#)" on a weekday later this month. Cost of Museum admission is \$10. A signup sheet will be available at the Dec. 10 meeting or contact Nancy or Geri for details.

Education Committee - Tracy Muse, Chair

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.

Current request is for Dr. Seuss books and board books.

Girls Career Institute and Senior scholarship information has been posted on the website.

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.

Board members - Holiday Party sign-up sheet will be available at the Dec. 10 meeting.
Please remember to bring money for the dinner.

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

Personally Yours lingerie shop has donated 265 bras to us for "**Free the Girls**". This is their fourth donation to us, and we are very appreciative. They are also donating \$100 to help with shipping costs. We have shipped the bras to a "**Free the Girls**" collection site in Indiana. From there, they will be shipped to former victims of sex trafficking in Mozambique, El Salvador and Costa Rica. The women sell the merchandise in their own businesses, thus providing income for themselves and their families. Members may donate new or gently used bras for this cause at any meeting. For more details about **Free the Girls**, please visit our club's website under "Giving Back" or visit freethegirls.org.

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