



# Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District  
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February 25 — General Meeting  
Program: "Tricky Tray" and Cookie Project

## Bring to the Next Meeting (2/25/16)

- Family Promise Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard/Poptabs
- Outreach Donations
- Labels for Education
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Guests

## February Hostesses

Lisa M  
Karen R  
Fran W  
Marilyn O

Please arrive to the meeting by 6:50 if possible. We need a few extra minutes to set up the cookies and the tricky tray.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the chairmen for completing their reports and getting them to me on time. We reported thousands of hours doing projects for the needy, for those in distress, for the students of Vernon, for the veterans, etc. We should all be proud and give ourselves a round of applause. Great job club members!!

The Highlands District Achievement Day is on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We had many winners last year and even gold winners at the state level. The registration forms and categories are available at the meeting. The forms are due to me by March 28<sup>th</sup>. The entry needs to be to me by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

I am the Highlands District Chairman. I am looking for two volunteers to help set-up and work with the judges on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you are interested. I will provide the transportation.

Don't forget about our internal tricky tray fundraiser at the meeting. The more items the more fun.

See you all at the meeting with your cookies.

*Judy*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Maureen B

This month we are collecting items to donate to Family Promise. Specifically, full-sized personal hygiene Products (i.e. body wash, shampoo, deodorant, razors, baby wipes, baby shampoo, and diapers). Please bring donations to the February meeting. Thank you for your support!!

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Lois M

We are still collecting cell phones for Cell Phones For Soldiers. I have a few here that I will send, but will wait until after the meeting to see if any more were collected.

We are also preparing crossword puzzles for our veterans at East Orange VA Hospital. We could use cardboard for that project. Thanks to Joan for her efforts. Last month, she prepared 199 puzzles.

We have patterns for both to knit or crochet for our troops. Thanks to Barbara for making so many of them (probably all of them) that were sent to Wounded Warriors. Thanks so much for supporting our troops.

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT**

Karen R

Below is information for an upcoming IFSS event . Registration is required by Tuesday.

**The Journey Home:  
Family Experiences in Mental Health Recovery****Feature Documentary 76 minutes, Directed by Stuart Clarifield**

A feature film on the family journey through mental illness and recovery produced over three years and aggregates the wisdom, experience and insights of over 40 family members from a range of communities, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Pierre James Trudeau.

**Date/Time:** Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**Place:** IFSS Sparta Office, 191 Woodport Rd., Suite 202 Sparta, NJ 07871**Admission:** Free, but registration required.

Please call [201-317-6139](tel:201-317-6139) by February 16th to reserve your ticket!

Snacks will be served.

**FUNDRAISING**

Lois M

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser at the George Inn, with a special thanks to Marie F for making all the arrangements.

I know that its only February, but it's not too early to put things aside for our annual Yard Sale. Spring will be here before you know it. Plans will be made with Heaven Hill Farms for the Saturday before Mother's Day. It's a fun day! You, too, may find some "treasures!" More info to follow.

**February Meeting "Tricky Tray"** — We will be having a "Tricky Tray" for members only at the February meeting. Anyone that has an item to donate should bring it in then. (If you have an item or two to donate and cannot make it to the meeting, you can drop it off to another member.) The more items we have the more money we can make! New items are great that you would like to donate and "regift". Gently used items in excellent condition that you no longer want are also great. Other clubs have held internal "tricky trays" at their meetings and have been successful in raising money for their club. We voted at the December meeting to give this a try! This is a great way to have others enjoy items you may no longer want or need. Save those Holiday gifts that were not so perfect and let's auction them off. We already have several new items including a beautiful piece of stoneware from Pampered Chef. For each item you donate, you will receive a ticket for the tricky tray!

On a personal note - - I sincerely want to thank all the wonderful club members who remembered me with cards, emails, texts, and phone calls during my injury, surgery, and recuperation. Each one is very special to me. Thanks so much!

**REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY**

At our **February** meeting we will once again be packaging cookies for the seniors and DASI families in our community. We ask each member to bring 6 dozen cookies **without nuts** (preferably home-made) to the **FEBRUARY** meeting. You can make the cookies ahead of time and freeze. Remember to take them out of the freezer in time to thaw before the meeting.



## Reminders/Announcements

- Please remember to keep track of all your volunteer hours and any supplies you donate to the club. Club year is January—December.
- Newsletter information should go to Anne Whitty by the **11th** of each month. Please let Anne know of any milestones in your life so I can include them in the newsletter!

**NJSFWC Website:** The NJSFWC website is packed full of information. All members can create an account and have access to the entire site. Go to the website [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org) and create an account.

### ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- Men's Shelter** — Travel-sized toiletries  
**Greenfield Boys** — Toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap, work socks, work gloves and lip balm.  
**DASI** — Children's DVDs (new or used)

**Happy Birthday**

February 25      Karen Rothstadt

### **Margaret Conti's Friends:**

February: Joann S

March: Lois M

Margaret Conti  
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 Vineland Development Center  
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**\*\*Reminder:** The cost for Margaret's cards, gifts, etc. each month is the responsibility of the "friend" member. Our budget does not have any monies allocated to reimburse for postage, etc. Thank you for understanding.\*\*