



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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April 23 — General Meeting
Program: NAMI Presentation — Vivien Finn, Special State Project Chair

Bring to the Next Meeting (4/23/15)

- Hygiene Products
- Cardboard
- Outreach Donations
- Boxtops
- Campbells labels
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Guests

April Hostesses

Maria Dorsey
Lois Marples
Bette Holderith
Marie Flores

REMINDER: 2015/2016 DUES

Due by April 23

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Welcome to Spring! Hopefully by the time you read this the weather is truly spring-like and the flowers have started to bloom.

We had a great day at Spring Conference - Lois - four gold awards, Barbara- two gold awards and Lisa - one gold award. All of these entries move on to the Atlantic City competition at the annual NJSFWC Convention the first week in May. Congratulations to our first place winners - Fran - pound cake and Elaine H. - drop cookies.

I can't believe my first year is almost over. It has been very busy with fundraisers and projects and my responsibilities as the Highlands District Arts Creative Chairman. Thank you to all who have made this a great and awarding experience.

As we move to summer we should spend the last two meetings to reevaluate our projects. We shouldn't be afraid to change just because it has always been done a certain way or to add new projects. New ideas are always welcome in every department. Jot down your ideas to discuss in May and June.

See you all at our April meeting to learn more about our State Project NAMI.

Judy

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Maureen Blandino

April we will be collecting hygiene products. Please bring in all donations to the meeting.

FUNDRAISING

Lois Marples

Spring is here! Time to clean out closets, etc. You can bring all your unwanted “treasures” to our annual Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 9th to be held at Heaven Hill, Route 94 in Vernon. Remember what our recent speaker said: “If it’s not pretty or useful, you shouldn’t keep it!” The yard sale is always a fun day and is a great way to raise money for the club. A big thank you to Lisa for making our poster. (More information on the last page of the newsletter.)

I’m happy to report that we now have the proceeds from the Wendy’s Fund-raiser that we had in December.



ANNUAL DINNER
Thursday, May 14
Milano Restaurante
Route 94, Hardyston
6:00 pm
(For Members and guests)

The cost is \$35.50 per person. Milano Restaurante is BYOB.
It will be an exceptional menu as always, and we will not be leaving hungry!

Please bring payment in to the April meeting. For those not attending the meeting, mail your check (made out to (VTWC) asap to Fran Weiss .

We need to provide a head count by May 1.

MILITARY COMMITTEE

Lois Marples

We sent off 13 cell phones plus numerous accessories to Cell Phones for Soldiers this past month. They have a new manager, who is a military-mom and is very enthusiastic about this project, and also very grateful for all of our efforts. One change is that we must have at least 10 phones to qualify for free postage. So keep bringing in your old cell phones, working or not and we'll keep sending them so our troops can keep in touch with their families. Thank you for all your support.

Continue to bring in your cardboard for the crossword puzzles that are brought to the VA Hospital in East Orange. Joan puts most of them together for us. But feel free to make some as well. You just need to put the puzzle on the front and the answers on the back. The veterans love them and we love to support them.

ANNUAL HOSSFELD PICNIC

June 28
11:00 to 6 :00

We hope you all can make it again this year.
Bring a lawn chair, a covered dish or dessert to share.
Extreme creativity and ethnic diversity is encouraged.
We will supply hot dogs and hamburgers plus cold drinks.
If you need booze, BYO.

Cardboard (no corrugated) needed for the crossword puzzle project we do for the Veterans.



Save your coffee cans with lids which will be decorated for our cookie project.



Save travel sized toiletries for Family Promise



Once again we are collecting pop tabs. Please start saving and bring to the meetings. Jill will deliver to Headquarters.



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 and create an account. You will need to enter personal information and a User Code as an identifier for Club Members. The User code is case sensitive and is **S3E2ruKa**.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Greenfield Boys — Toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap, work socks, work gloves and lip balm.

DASI — Children's DVDs (new or used)

Happy Birthday

Joann Sisco	April 9
Katie Jakubowski	April 19
Bette Holderith	April 27

Margaret Conti's Friends:

April: JoAnn Sisco
Kyle Brandt

May: Barbara Fimia
Maria Dorsey

Margaret Conti
Seabo House
Vineland Development Center
1676 East Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360

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.

GARAGE SALE INFORMATION

Saturday, May 9 9:00am – 3:00pm

Our garage sale is quickly approaching. The sale to the public begins at 9:00am. Please arrive between 7:15-7:30 am with your donations. It is extremely important to have everything set up before customers arrive. Remember that **at the end of the day you need to pick up anything that does not sell**; which hopefully, won't be much!

Below is a list of most wanted items (they are good sellers)!

Furniture	Baby Items (strollers, walkers, etc.)
Electronics	Small Appliances (mixers, toasters, etc.)
Old and Used hand tools	Sports equipment
Instruments –new or old	Craft Items
Animal Care items (cages, etc.)	Car items (mats, etc.)
Complete dish sets	Little Tykes Stuff
Playschool toys	Bikes and helmets
Comforters, blankets	Tablecloths, linens
Rugs, decorative pillows	Lamps
Framed pictures (home décor/wall art/mirrors)	Knickknacks
Outdoor games	
Pool Accessories	
ANYTHING NEW (Especially if it has tags on)	

REMEMBER NO: Stuffed Animals and NOTHING THAT HEAVEN HILL SELLS
(wreaths, potting containers, outdoor furniture, etc.)

Everything should be **CLEAN**, in **WORKING CONDITION** and **PRICED prior to arriving**. Ask friends, neighbors and family for donations too! Remember, the more “goodies” we have, the more money we will make! Pricing stickers are available at every dollar store.

Volunteers are also needed to help during the day of the sale.
Thank you for all your help in making this fundraiser a success.