



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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April 26

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Larry Ciccarelli, Cava Winery

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bring to the Next Meeting (4/26/18)

- Community Outreach Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard and Crossword Puzzles
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Guests

Two years ago, when I was installed as president of this amazing club, I wasn't sure how my story would unfold. The uncertainty didn't last long. As I began working closely with many of our members, I realized very quickly what an incredibly devoted group of women you are. Each one more committed than the next to making the world a better place, one project at a time. So I came to expect great things from you, and I was not disappointed.

Every department chair, every committee chair, every individual member contributes, in ways big and small, to spreading comfort and happiness to people around our community and all over the world. Whether you are collecting shampoo or bras or greeting cards, whether you are knitting scarves or awarding scholarships or serving ice cream to cyclists, whether you are buying rabbits or selling Pumpkinland tickets, you do it from your hearts, with the passion and determination to brighten someone else's life. VTWC truly is a giving club, and the people on the receiving end of your kindness are forever grateful.

You give to everyone in need, but without knowing it, you were also giving to me. With each project and new idea, you gave me hope and inspiration, you filled my heart with pride. You motivated me to be a better person, to always strive to make someone else happy even with the smallest of gestures. You gave me support and friendship and wonderful memories. For all of that, I will be forever grateful. Thank you ladies, for this incredible experience.

As I turn the last page in my story, please join me in welcoming Lois Marples as our very qualified and enthusiastic president. She will undoubtedly continue to lead this club along the gentle path of kindness.

And they lived happily ever after.

~Lisa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — April

Maureen Blandino

This month we are collecting items for DASL. (Nail polish, remover, and anything with alcohol in it is not accepted.)
Please bring donations to the meeting.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Lois Marples

Military Support

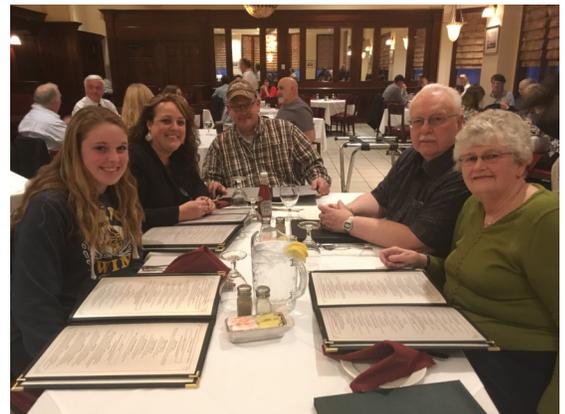
This month 46 cell phones and accessories were sent to Cell Phones for Soldiers. We continue to collect hats for Warmth for Warriors. Barbara and I have both crochet and knit patterns. Joan has been mounting crossword puzzles for East Orange VA Hospital. She could always use cardboard to mount them.

Thanks for helping our military and veterans.

Programs

Our April guest speaker will be Larry Cicarelli, COO/CFO, Cava Wine Country who will speak to us about opening a winery/restaurant. He also has a very interesting background.

Our **Installation Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, May 17th** at Milano's restaurant with Marjorie Strohsahl as our installing officer. Many of you signed up at the March meeting. We'd appreciate your bringing a check or money in the amount of \$37.00 each to the April meeting or mailing it to me if you can't make the meeting. **It's not too late to sign up for this dinner.** Husbands are also welcome.



The George Inn fundraiser was a huge success! Our members came out with their families and friends to help support our club!



FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

DINE TO DONATE" FUNDRAISER AT THE GEORGE INN

Special thanks to all of our members and their friends and family who supported our latest fundraiser. We should know how well we did by our meeting next week.

A TASTE OF VERNON, sponsored by the VERNON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 30, 2018 FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM AT HEAVEN HILL FARM

Since a portion of the funds raised from this event will benefit 3 local charities: VERNON TOWNSHIP WOMAN'S CLUB, VERNON PAL AND THE VERNON COALITION, we should support this event.

The cost of the tickets is \$45 (\$40 for two or more). Tickets are available online at vernonchamber.com.

SHOP WITH SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM IS ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND IS A "NO EFFORT" WAY YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CLUB

In addition to purchasing gift cards for others, you can purchase gift cards for your own use such as grocery stores, i.e. **Shop Rite, Weis, and Acme**, as well as restaurants, gas cards and more. The list of vendors is extensive. I will take orders at every meeting from now on and can have your cards within 2 days of placing the order. **If you need an order form or the list of participating vendors, please e-mail me at mariapls@aol.com. New vendors have been added and I will have an up-to-date list at our meeting.**

FARM TO FORK FONDO-SAVE THE DATE

The **Farm to Fork Fondo** (farmtoforkfondo.com) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 10 with registration Saturday evening on June 9. This year's venue is at **THE WARWICK VALLEY WINERY**. Last year Our member volunteers known as "TEAM BLUE" came in First Place in the volunteer competition and earned \$900 for hosting the aid stations at **Heaven Hill Farm** and **Westtown Brewery** from 9-2. We supplied the bicycle riders with water, cold compresses for their necks (due to heat), ice cream, apple pie, cider donuts and other goodies. We were invited to take place in the award ceremony held at 5:00 pm at Warwick Valley Winery. I hope to have more members participate this year. We need at least 8 people for team participation in the contest. I will provide further information as it is received. Looking forward to defending our title!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Valerie Seufert, Chairperson,
Karen Chapin, Lois Marples

Slate of Executive Board Officers for 2018-2020

President	Lois Marples
First Vice President	Maria Dorsey
Second Vice President	Linda Fuehrer
Treasurer	Judy Filippini
Recording Secretary	Elaine Hossfield
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Chapin
Federation Secretary	Lisa Mills

Department Chairmen

The Arts/Creative	Judy Filippini
Communications	Lisa Mills
Education	Valerie Seufert, Anne Whitty
Home Life	Barbara Fimia
Domestic Abuse	Maureen Blandino
International Affairs	Karen Rothstadt
Public Issues	Debbie Piccirillo
Special State Project	Karen Chapin

Committees

Newsletter	Anne Whitty
Yearbook	
Membership	Maureen Blandino

This year the nominating committee is recommending that we break some areas into sub-committees. We ask that each of our members review the following list and sign up for at least two of these opportunities to help your club and community. We have excluded Heaven Hill Farm and the baking cookies for the Homestead Nursing Home as all members should participate in these service projects.

If you want further information or know which areas you would like to participate in, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or the Committee Chairperson listed.

We will review this again at the April meeting and pass around sign up sheets at that time.

Education Valerie Seufert and Anne Whitty, Co-Chairmen

Box Tops for Education
 Stamps for Education
 Letters to Santa
 Girls Career Institute
 Scholarships for High School Seniors
 Achievement Awards 5th and 8th Grade
 Eagle Scout/Girl Scout Gold Awards
 Scholarship for Older Woman returning to School

Home Life Barbara Fimia, Chairman

Newton Hospital (Chemo blankets/hats; comfort pillows) Elaine Kuntz
 Homestead Nursing Home (Birthday Bags—ongoing monthly project)
 Family Promise (hygiene bags for homeless men; holiday gifts; special needs as requested)
 Putting Prayers into Action (support and clothing as needed certain times of year)
 Birth Haven (holiday gifts; special needs as requested)
 Vineland Nursing Home—Our Friend , Margaret Conti (Send holiday, birthday card/gifts)
 Community Help (as needed)

Domestic Abuse Maureen Blandino, Chairman

Christmas Gifts
 Easter Baskets
 Collect Small Toiletries for DASI
 Monthly collection of food, etc. for DASI
 Just For You Bags (Prepared for women entering DASI. These consist of a pillow, pillowcase, towel set, emory boards, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, deodorant and socks.)

The following committees as well as other areas will have opportunities for members to participate as projects are determined. Let us know if you are interested in these also.

<u>Special State Project</u>	Karen Chapin
<u>International Affairs</u>	Karen Rothstadt
<u>Public Issues</u>	Debbie Piccirillo
<u>Fundraising</u>	Linda Fuehrer

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. To do this, email the webmaster at mangels@njsfwc.org and she will set up an account for you. Make sure to include your email you would like to use and our club's name in the email.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

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

DASI — Children's DVDs (new or used)

Homeless Men's Shelter — Shaving creams, razors, socks, deodorant

Happy Birthday

Joann Sisco April 9
Bette Holderith April 27

Margaret Conti's Friends:

April: Elaine Kuntz

May: Barbara Fimia

Margaret Conti
PafaCom, Inc.
543 East Garden Road
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.**