



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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December 18 — General Meeting
Program: Vernon High School Musical Performance

Bring to the Next Meeting (12/18/14)

- Outreach Donations
- Boxtops
- Campbells labels
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Guests

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our December meeting will be filled with Holiday music as musicians from the Vernon Township High School perform for us. I hope to see everyone at the meeting! Please bring guests, too, to fill up the room.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy Holiday season and New Year.

— *Judy*

December Hostesses

Anne Whitty
Eileen Sciscoe
Christine Staab

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

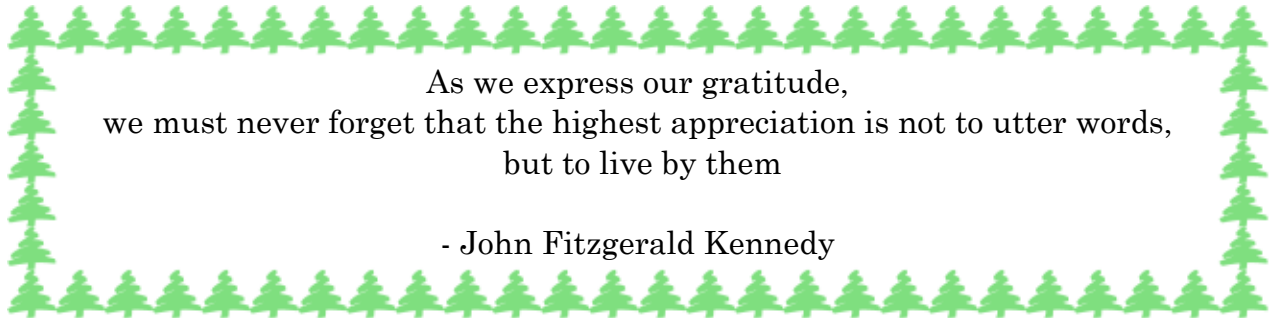
Maureen Blandino

December we are collecting breakfast items for holiday baskets. A sign up sheet was at the November meeting. If you have not signed up yet and would like to contribute please bring in an item or contact Maureen for ideas. Please bring to the meeting any food donations. Thank you!!

Thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISING**Lois Marples**

Please join us at Wendy's on Wednesday, December 3rd between 5 and 8 pm for our Fund Raiser. Pass the word and tell your friends and relatives. Wendy's will give us 15% of all the sales between those hours. Also, remember the Tupperware Fund Raiser. Even though the party will be in January, you can still buy on line for Christmas delivery. Pass on the info to your friends and relatives. Tupperware will ship to the continental United States. Go to Tupperware.com and find a fund raiser.

**EDUCATION****Cathy Maksymiuk, Valerie Seufert****** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ****

We need a few more volunteers to respond to Santa letters on Wednesday morning, December 17, starting at 9:30 AM at Cathy Maksymiuk's home. Please contact Cathy at mamaukemax@gmail.com if you are interested.

MILITARY COMMITTEE

Lois Marples

After reading the article in Aim Action this week, there is something I didn't know about Boatsie Boxes that we supported by filling 15 Christmas stockings. I want to share this with you.

“Boatsie's Boxes began in May 2004, when my son, now, a SMSgt Patrick R. Van Vranken in the United States Air Force, forwarded to me a personal request from the Deputy Director of programs in Baghdad, for personal items needed for the troops in the Baghdad hospitals. In June of 2004, we began sending the wounded troops our boxes. Four months later, when my son was deployed to Balad, Iraq, we extended our care packages to include any deployed troop in need of our support; we continue adding new troops every day.”

(by: Gail “Boatsie” Van Vranken.)

The NJ State Federation of Woman's Clubs adopted the program as an annual event and many of the clubs participate. This year Jill with her husband, Steve, along with Elaine Hossfield and a few women from other clubs moved the cartons to be sent off to West Virginia to be shipped out to the soldiers. My cousin received one and was very happy and pleased that we remembered her.

Please continue to collect cell phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. Now that the weather will be getting snowing and cold, you may want to knit or crochet hats for the soldiers. Both Barbara Fimia and I have the directions.

**BIRTHDAY BAG DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our basic supplies for birthday bags is dwindling. We are in need of gift bags (used are good!), tissue paper, lip balm, small stuffed toys and most of all birthday cards.

Thank you for any donations!!!!

Sandy Stouthamer and Lori Pecoraro

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

Christine Staab December 10

Donna Zereconski December 15

Margaret Conti's Friends:

December: Karen Rothstadt

January: Marilyn Olsen
Christine Staab

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.