

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.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

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

DASI — Children's DVDs (new or used)

Happy Birthday

Karen Rothstadt February 25

Margaret Conti's Friends:

February: Joann Sisco

March: Joan Danaher

Margaret Conti
PafaCom, Inc.
543 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.**

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

"DINE TO DONATE" FUNDRAISER AT THE GEORGE INN WILL BE RESCHEDULED AFTER OUR NEXT MEETING

Shop With SCRIP Gift Card Fundraising Program

Please support our ongoing fundraiser throughout the year, not just in December! 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. Here are some of the vendors who offer over 8% to our club: LLBean and Lands End 16%, Old Navy and GAP 14%, Talbots 13%, Macys 10%, Cracker Barrel 9%, Applebees 8% and many more! 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.

Farm to Fork Fondo— Looking for a commitment from you, the members!

The Farm to Fork Fondo (bicycle ride) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 11, at Penning's Farm. Last year we came in second place in the volunteer competition and earned \$685.00 for hosting the aid station at Heaven Hill Farm from 9-2. We supplied the bicycle riders with water, cold compresses for their necks (due to heat), ice cream, apple pie and cider donuts. We were invited to take place in the award ceremony held at 5:00 pm at Penning's. 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.

Annual Garage Sale — Date to be Announced (Probably May 6 or 13)

Start your de-cluttering and Spring cleaning! We need a lot of items! The more we have, the more profit we make! Ask family and friends for donations, too. Let's make this the best sale ever!

Free The Girls Project
("Something simple can be extraordinary")

The committee met this week to organize and plan this awesome project. There are lots of great ideas which we will talk about at our meeting. In the meantime, please spread the word and ask family and friends to help collect new and gently used bras. (Bras can be brought in to our meeting.) Our goal is 500 and it would be awesome to exceed this!

PUBLIC ISSUES /PROGRAMS
Lois Marples

Military Support

We will continue to collect cell phones for our “Cell Phones for Soldier’s” project, handmade hats for Wounded Warriors, and crossword puzzles mounted on cardboard for the VA Hospital in East Orange. Thank you so much or helping our military and veterans.

Programs

**Please arrive at 6:30 to this meeting.
We have a busy night— a speaker and our cookie project.**

Please bring 6 dozen cookies (no nuts) to the February meeting for our Cookie Project. If the cookies have been frozen, please make sure you take them out of the freezer in enough time to completely thaw.

The January meeting will feature Honorable Jeffrey Parrott, the Sussex County Clerk, who will speak about his duties as clerk and will answer any questions we may have regarding his office.

MEMBERSHIP
Maureen Blandino

Update to Yearbook:
Karen Rothstadt has a new phone number: 973-670-4506

CONGRATULATIONS

Jane Mackesy, the NJSFWC EMD Chairman, was at a Conference of the Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) this past week. There were over 3,000 people in attendance. At the conference they announced the Coalition of the Year. It is **The Vernon NJ Coalition**. In the description of their work during the past year it was mentioned that they worked with the Vernon Woman's Club!

Congratulations to The Vernon NJ Coalition and to our member, Rebecca Dorney, for all her hard work and dedication with the Coalition!!



Bits & Pieces

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February 23
*****Meeting Time: 6:30*****
Program: Cookie Can Project
Jeff Parrott, County Clerk

Bring to the Next Meeting (2/23)

- New/Used Bras
- 6 dozen cookies
- Community Outreach Donation
- New/Gently Used Bras
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard/Poptabs
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Coupons
- Eyeglasses for Needy
- Homeless Shelter Items
- Guests

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ah, February. Four cold, dark weeks that could be relatively depressing were it not for several invigorating events. The prognostication of a famous weather-loving rodent. A holiday in celebration of two influential presidents' birthdays. The shimmering red glow of Valentine's Day. On this particular occasion designated by roses, Cupid and hearts, we share our feelings by showering those we love with gifts and flowers. Even though we love them all year round, this is the day Hallmark says we must prove it!

Fortunately, as a Woman's Club, we have the opportunity to share our hearts throughout the year, whenever and wherever needed. It is the great common human heart of us all. Every task, every project, every donation comes from our hearts, yet we rarely meet the people for whom we toil. We don't think twice about helping because we know our gestures are appreciated. To paraphrase a famous saying, we will never get tired of doing little things for others...sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.

- Lisa

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."

-Maya Angelou

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — February
Maureen Blandino

This month we are collecting items for the St. Francis De Sales Food Pantry.
Please bring donations to the meeting. Thank you for your support!