



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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February 22

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm Sharp

Guest Speaker: Larry Ciccarelli, COO/CFO Cava Winery
And
Cookie Project

Bring to the Next Meeting (2/22/18)

- 6 Dozen Cookies
- Community Outreach Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Guests

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter is upon us, bringing cold blustery days that often inspire us to remain indoors, curled up in front of a glowing fire with a cozy blanket and a good book. Fortunately winter also presents us with beautiful scenic days, when the crisp air is exhilarating and the sky is a cloudless blue canopy.

For me, winter's most spectacular gift is new fallen snow, producing a solid white blanket as far as the eye can see. Pristine snow conveys purity by concealing dormant grass and dirty streets while reflecting the sun's brilliant glow. It is amazing that tiny graceful snowflakes, nature's most unique and fragile creations, can unite to create something so beautiful.

Our club is exactly like a winter snow cover. Lovely, unique women come together and change the landscape of our community by blanketing illness, poverty and abuse with love. We give generously so others can feel happiness in their hearts. Poet Kahlil Gibran expresses our compassion in his own words, "Kindness is like snow; it beautifies everything it covers."

~Lisa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — February Maureen Blandino

This month we are collecting items for DASI. No canned goods this month, please. (Nail polish, remover, and anything with alcohol in it is not accepted at any time.)

PUBLIC ISSUES

Lois Marples

Military Support

We are still collecting cell phones for Cell Phones For Soldiers, Crossword Puzzles for the VA Hospital, as well as knitted and/or crocheted hats for Wonder Warriors. This month I was given many cell phones, which I will send off to Cell Phones For Soldiers.

Thank you for your help to our military and veterans.

Programs

Our February meeting will feature Larry Ciccarelli, COO/CFO of Cava Winery in Hamburg. He will be speaking about the experience of starting a winery/restaurant. I'm sure he'll answer any of your "wine" questions.

However, prior to the talk on wine, we need to fill the packages for our annual cookie project. Please bring 6 dozen cookies (NO NUTS) (baked or purchased) to the meeting for the cookie project. Remember that **the meeting will begin at 6:30 sharp** to assemble the cookie packages before the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

We do need a few members to bake/purchase gluten free and sugar free cookies. Please let Elaine Kuntz know if you will be bringing one of them - she wants to make sure we have enough.

MEMBERSHIP

Maureen Blandino

If you have corrections to your information, please let me know. If your email changes, also let Anne Whitty know so you will continue to receive mailings.

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

SHOP WITH SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Please try to continue to support this ongoing fundraiser throughout the year, not just at holiday time. **Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations are quickly approaching. These are great opportunities to order some gift cards!** I will put an order through after each meeting and the cards will arrive within 3 days. I will be happy to place an order any other time, but in order to cover the \$8.50 postage we should have at least 6 orders. Use gift cards in your everyday life (supermarkets, gas, restaurants, pharmacy, cruises lines, hotels, etc) and earn money for the club--it's that easy! In 2017 we made \$565.15 for the club.

SAVE THE DATES

Our next Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser at The George Inn is quickly approaching and is confirmed for Thursday, March 8, 2018. Spread the word to your friends and family and let's have a great turnout. Last year we made \$400.00 for the club!

This year's Farm to Fork Fondo (look it up-farmtoforkfondo.com) will take place on June 9 and 10, 2018. Last year our volunteers known as "Team Blue" came in 1st Place in the Volunteer Competition and we made \$900.00 for the club by assisting Saturday evening with registration and Sunday serving the bicycle riders at two aid stations: Westtown Brewery and Heaven Hill Farm. Looking forward to defending our title!

SAVE THE DATE

June 13

Our club will be hosting the June District Council 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. 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 (Karen Chapin, Chairman)

Happy Birthday

Karen Rothstadt February 25

Margaret Conti's Friends:

February: No One Signed Up
March: Karen Rothstadt

Margaret Conti
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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.

PHOTO CORNER



Lisa Mills with the guest speaker at our January meeting. Tara is a Nutritionist at Shop Rite.

CONGRATULATIONS
Karen Chapin
on your retirement!!

