



# Bits & Pieces

**GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District**  
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**January 2015**

January 22 — General Meeting  
Program: Get Your Home Organized—Miss Cricket, Dust Bunnies

## **Bring to the Next Meeting (1/22/15)**

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

## **January Hostesses**

Ann Augusta  
Karen Chapin  
Joan Marie Danaher  
Barbara Mracek

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year! I wish each of you happiness, good health and fun for 2015!

January is the month to review all the projects and activities of the past year and report to the NJSFWC. All reports are due to me by January 20th. Please email me your completed report or print and mail to me. The report forms allow the state to share and brag to GFWC as to what the women of New Jersey are doing to help their communities.

The NJSFWC is a GOLD sponsor of the NAMI NJ WALK to be held on May 16, 2015 in Seaside Park. They need our support - walking, volunteering that day or sponsoring walkers. I will have the Sponsor forms available at the meeting as well as more information.

Hope to see everyone on January 22nd to "Get Your Home Organized - "MissCricket".

— *Judy*

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Maureen Blandino

January we are collecting "comfort" foods for the cold, blustery days of winter. For example, soups, stews, hot cocoa, etc. Please bring any donations to the meeting.

Thank you for your support!

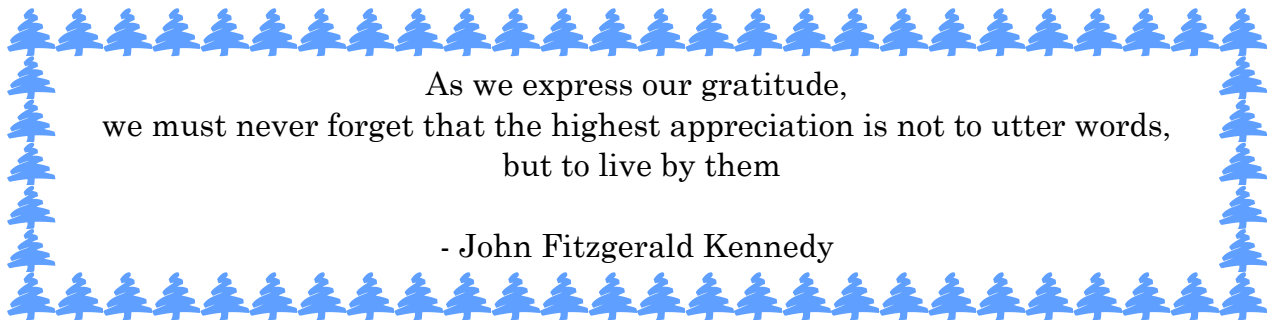
**FUNDRAISING****Lois Marples**

Thank you to all who supported our Wendy's fundraiser. I called Wendy's and was told we made approximately \$200.00. The check will be coming shortly.

I had a request to send in a gift card order after this meeting. Please keep this in mind and place your gift card order by the meeting on January 22nd. Remember Valentines' Day is coming! Also, you may want to purchase a grocery store or gas card. I will be placing the order the day after the meeting, so the cards can be received before Valentines' Day.

Also remember that the Tupperware website will still be up and running, so you can place an order anytime you would like. Spread the word to your friends and family. It can be shipped to anywhere in the United States.

We are scheduling our George Inn fund raiser for February 12th. Marie will have more information at the meeting. The Sit and Chat fundraiser has been confirmed for Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



As we express our gratitude,  
we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,  
but to live by them

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy



### **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!!!!

### **MILITARY COMMITTEE**

**Lois Marples**

Thank you to all for supporting our troops during 2014, especially by donating your used cell phones. Last year we sent 77 phones and many accessories. These phones generated 5,000 talk minutes to our soldiers. I think that's wonderful. This is what was said in our thank you note: "We constantly receive "Thank You" messages from our troops and their families for helping them stay in touch. Just this week we have heard from many deployed military members who have sent messages like these: "Thank you so much! This is her first deployment and her 8-year old can't wait to hear from her. Thank you so much for being a part of making that possible."

Barbara has sent many knitted hats to the soldiers during 2014. Also many crossword puzzles were sent to the VA Hospital in East Orange. So please continue to save your used cell phones, crossword puzzles, and hats (there are instructions for both knitted and crocheted hats available). Our soldiers and veterans really appreciate your help.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GFWC

- 1858 Jane Cunningham Croly, better known as "Jennie June", was denied entrance to an all-male press club and decided to form a woman's club called Sorosis.
- 1889 Sixty-one women clubs from around the country organized the Federation. "Unity, but Unity in Diversity" was coined as the motto. The original pin was designed with this quote.
- 1900 Program of traveling libraries with a small rotating collection of books to rural communities.
- 1901 Chicago clubwoman and social reformer, Jane Addams, headed GFWC Child Labor committee to advocate legislation restricting child labor.
- 1909 President Taft sent GFWC International President Eva Perry Moore to Panama Canal Zone to organized woman's club to improve quality of life for workers and families.
- 1912 President Taft appointed Chicago clubwoman Julia Lathrop as chief of Children's Bureau to promote public healthcare for mothers and infants.
- 1922 Purchased 1734 N Street in Washington DC for the GFWC Headquarters.
- 1930 American Library Association credited GFWC with establishing 75% of American libraries.
- GFWC adopts the Penny Art Fund created by Nellie Wright of NJ. All State Federations collected one penny per member to use as a fund to purchase works by State artists, mount a traveling exhibits, and recognize clubs that best promoted art with awards and scholarships
- 1942 GFWC converted the second floor of their headquarters into office space for the War Service Department which developed a lending library and provided valuable information in support of the war effort
- 1943 GFWC "Buy a Bomber" campaign generated funds for 431 planes to be purchased for war service. They also donated wedding gowns to British Service Women. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was a clubwoman and also participated in this project.
- 1944 GFWC adopted resolution in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. (Although it did not pass, Bill's sister and I marched in 1978 in support of the ERA.)
- 1945 GFWC, one of five women's organizations, witnessed the signing of the UN Charter in San Francisco
- 1961 Women's crusade for 'seat belts' campaign, along with the Automotive Safety Foundation, resulted in the installation of 1 million seat belts during that year
- 1962 GFWC Juniors were the first National group to support PROJECT HOPE. Raised funds and supplies for the peace time hospital ship, SS Hope.
- 1978 GFWC and the Owen-Corning developed the National "Home Energy Check" to encourage energy conservation.

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- 1984 GFWC Women's History and Resource Center was formed-----highlights of volunteer role in US history by women.
- 1986 GFWC renewed commitment to conservation through special programs to preserve and protect endangered species
- 1990 GFWC Centennial Celebration included a memorial ceremony at Jane Cunningham Croly gravesite in Lakewood, NJ.
- This past year GFWC collected funds from all of the States to rededicate the memorial and to maintain the gravesite for future clubwomen to visit and pay respect for "Jennie June"
- 2000 Collected \$204,000 for Operation Smile Mission to the Philippines.
- 2002 Collected thousands of dollars to the fund for the National WWII Memorial in Washington, DC.
- 2004 Collection of funds for a fully equipped ambulance for New York City to replace one that was lost in 911.
- 2008 Day on the Hill to support and advocate for bipartisan pay equality bill - President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in January 2009.
- 2009 Domestic Violence Awareness became the GFWC Signature Project.
- 2014 - 2015 125th Anniversary Celebration begins.....

Come to the GFWC Convention to be held in Memphis, Tenn. to make this part of your GFWC history!  
There are many famous people that have been part of the GFWC family:

Jane Cunningham Croly  
 Julia Ward Howe  
 Ellen Curtis Domorest  
 Frances Willard  
 Jane Addams  
 Julia Lathrop  
 Eva Perry Moore  
 Mary Belle King Sherman  
 Nellie Taylor Ross  
 Eleanor Roosevelt  
 Bertha Ethel Knight Landes  
 Ellen Woodward  
 Margaret Chase Smith

And, of course, all of the Vernon Township Woman's Club members!

## 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](http://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

Kyle Brandt            January 21

Valerie Seufert        January 28

### **Margaret Conti's Friends:**

January: Marilyn Olsen  
Christine Staab

February: Elaine Kuntz  
Eileen Sciscoe

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Seabo House  
Vineland Development Center  
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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.\*\*