



Bits & Pieces

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

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Program: Karen Mannebach, State Creative Arts Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bring to the Next Meeting (1/26)

- 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

Welcome to 2017!

As we turn the page to a new year, the 12 months lie ahead of us like 12 blank chapters of a book, and we are the authors. We have the ability – and the freedom – to compose a wonderful, compassionate story as it unfolds this year.

Will it be a drama? A romance? A fairy tale? A mystery? It will most certainly be an autobiography depicting the many ways we put into action our better impulses. We can fill the pages with vivid descriptions of how our selfless actions and innovative ideas bring smiles to faces all over the world. Our story can be anything and everything we want it to be.

The pages may be temporarily blank but the foreword has long been in print as our motto, "To live is not to live for one's self alone." Let's pen these chapters to reflect our club's ongoing dedication and passion for helping others. It will be our own best seller!

— Lisa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — January Maureen Blandino

This month we are again collecting items for DASI. They are in need of everything, especially cereals, paper products and personal hygiene items. Please bring donations to the meeting. Thank you for your support!

PUBLIC ISSUES

Lois Marples

Military Support

We will continue to collect cell phones for our "Cell Phones for Soldier's" project. I have a small bag and am waiting for more from Region Oil to send a package.

Barbara and I have patterns to knit or crochet handmade hats for Wounded Warriors.

Crossword puzzles mounted on cardboard for the VA Hospital in East Orange are still being collected and are appreciated by the veterans. Joan D. puts together many puzzles each month. If you have any cardboard, please bring it to her at the meeting.

I will be purchasing fabric soon to make stockings for Christmas 2017 to fill for the soldiers.

Thank you so much for helping our military and veterans.

PROGRAMS

Lois Marples

January 2016

The January meeting will feature Karen Mannabach, the NJSFWC State Arts Creative Chairman, who will have a very interesting program. She will teach us to make something that we may enter in Achievement day.

New Items For Collection

Eyeglasses for the needy - Elaine Kuntz will collect your unwanted eye glasses each month and bring to the collection location. They will not accept cases, or cracked lenses. They will accept non-prescription glasses and sunglasses.

Men's Homeless Shelter Items - Karen Chapin assembles tote bags for the homeless. She collects travel sized items to include. Please bring in any donations to the meeting.

Free The Girls Bra Project - Please remember that we have enough money budgeted in international affairs to cover this project. When you find bras at a really good price, please save the sales receipts for reimbursement. There is no need to spend your own \$\$ for this project. Also, the website information seemed to focus on gently used bras so let's do both new and used and really help these women. Karen Rothstadt can answer any questions you may have.

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

“DINE TO DONATE” FUNDRAISER AT THE GEORGE INN

Once again we will be having our "Dine to Donate" Fundraiser to be held on Thursday, **February 9, 2017**, at The George Inn, Route 94, Vernon. The Vernon Township Woman's Club will receive 15% of all food sales between 5pm and 10pm. (exclusive of alcoholic beverages). This fundraiser will support all of our charitable and philanthropic programs including (but not limited to) scholarships for high school seniors, DASI (domestic abuse prevention) Child Abuse NJ, Family Promise, food baskets for the needy, support for our troops both home and abroad, birthday bags for Homestead Nursing Home residents and more. Please tell your family and friends and enjoy their camaraderie over a nice meal while supporting our Club.

SHOP WITH SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Just a reminder: Our Shop With Scrip Gift Card Program runs all throughout the year. 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.

FARM TO FORK FONDO-SAVE THE DATE

The Farm to Fork Fondo (bicycle ride) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 11 at Pennings 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 Pennings. 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Maureen Blandino

Welcome to our two newest members:

Velma Miller
Debra Piccirillo

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.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Greenfield Boys — Toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap, work socks, work gloves and chapstick.
DASI — Children's DVDs (new or used)

Happy Birthday

Kyle Brandt January 21

Valerie Seufert January 28

Margaret Conti's Friends:

January: Barbara Fimia

February: Joann Sisco

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 Seabo House
 Vineland Development Center
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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.**