



Bits & Pieces

**GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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June 23— General Meeting

Bring to the Next Meeting (6/23/2016)

- Community Outreach Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard/Poptabs
- Outreach Donations
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Coupons
- Guests

June Hostesses

Nancy Grimaldi
Elaine Kuntz
Barbara Fimia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladies,

Ah, summer! It's my favorite time of year with long sunny days, toes in the sand, colorful gardens full of roses, marigolds, lilies and of course daisies. The Daisy is a perfect symbol for us...bright, cheerful, strong and sophisticated, just like the ladies in this club. I am genuinely inspired by the women in our circle who are so kind, generous and willing to help anyone in need at any time.

It's really amazing that such a small club can achieve so much, especially when we're all so busy with families, jobs and other responsibilities that compete for our time. But we do it, and in order to continue impacting hundreds of people in the positive, loving ways that we do, then every member must jump in and participate, as a leader or on a committee – or both! Small efforts and simple gestures have a dramatic effect when we all work together.

A wise person once said "Volunteers don't have the time but they have the heart." I know we all have the heart. So if you believe in this club the way I do, and you embrace the concept that it is the little things that create differences, then my challenge to you is this: Don't be a wallflower. Be a Daisy.

Have a wonderful summer!

— *Lisa*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Maureen Blandino

This month we are collecting items for the animal shelter. (No wet dog or cat food.)
Please bring donations to the meeting. Thank you for your continued support!!

MILITARY SUPPORT

Lois Marples

Crossword puzzles were delivered to E. Orange VA Hospital for the veterans this past month.

As we have done in the past, the State Federation will be doing the Boatsie Boxes Project. This projects is filling Christmas stockings for the soldiers and needs to be completed in October. Elaine H. is the chairman for this project. She will have the date she will be taking them to headquarters for us at the meeting. I will make stockings and ask that you start collecting the items to stuff them over the summer. Last year we filled 12 stockings.

We will continue to collect cell phones for our "Cell Phones for Soldier's" project. 13 Cell phone along with accessories were sent this month. We also sent coupons totaling \$2,590.10 to H.O.M.E ("Helping Our Military Everywhere"). Thank you for all the coupons. We will continue to collect coupons for this organization. We would appreciate your cutting out the coupons and totaling the value.

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

Thank you to all who have helped in any way to help our military and veterans. They all appreciate our help.

FUNDRAISING

Lois Marples

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with fundraising during the past two years. With your help we have raising the monies needed so that we may make donations to our various charities. This is what makes the GWFC Vernon Township Woman's Club a great club! Thank you.

ANNUAL HOSSFELD PICNIC

July 24 - 12:00 noon

We hope you all can make it again this year. Bring a lawn chair and a covered dish or dessert to share. Extreme creativity and ethnic diversity is encouraged. We will supply hot dogs and hamburgers plus cold drinks. If you need booze, BYO.

EDUCATION

Valerie Siefert

Box Tops and Labels – I delivered all the box tops and Campbell labels to Walnut Ridge School. They were very happy to receive them and told me that they do not collect the labels any longer. It seems that it is hard to redeem them, so they only do the Box Tops for Education. So please continue to save the Box Tops and for now do not bring in the labels. If I find a place for them I will let you know in a fall newsletter.

Girl Scout Gold Award - A luncheon was held on May 22nd to honor five girls that received their Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. I was invited to attend but was unable to due to a conflict with my Daughter in laws baby shower. I thank Lisa Mills for attending. Our club presented each girl with a check in the amount of \$25.00.

Girls Career Institute – This year we sponsored a girl from Vernon Township High School at GCI. She attended from June 6-9 at Douglass College. She was able to experience College life during this time, eating in the cafeteria, sleeping in dorms, taking part in several seminars and lots of interacting with other girls from around the state. She was very excited to attend, appreciated the fact that we would do this for her, and also the \$25.00 spending money that we gave her. We will hear all about her experience at our September meeting. I want to thank Judy Filippini and Anne Whitty for conducting the interviews at VTHS.

Improvement Awards – I worked with the Guidance Department in Lounsberry Hollow and Glen Meadow Middle School to honor eight students for their academic improvement this year. Each student received a certificate and a check for \$50.00. I attended the awards assemblies on June 10th and June 13th and the students were very pleased as well as the faculty thanking us for doing this for the students. I thank Judy Filippini for helping me with this project.

Scholarships – We received nineteen applications for our scholarship. It was voted at our May meeting to increase the amount to \$750.00 this year and award two scholarships. I thank Anne Whitty for helping me read all the applications and deciding who the recipients would be.

I would love to have other members of the club join me on any or all aspects of the Education Committee. The next event will be the Letters to Santa, which is always a fun time. Please call or email me if you are interested or would like more information.

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.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Men's Shelter — Travel-sized toiletries

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

DASI — Children's DVDs (new or used)

Happy Birthday

Sandy Stouthamer	June 2
Maureen Blandino	June 23
Lois Marples	June 25
Jill Passaretti	June 27
Joan Marie Danaher	July 8
Gloria Sammis	July 11
Maria Dorsey	July 16
Lori Pecoraro	July 27
Ann Augusta	August 1
Debra Piccirillo	August 6
Lisa Mills	August 18

Margaret Conti's Friends:

June: Elaine Hossfield
Maria Dorsey

July: Debra Piccirillo

Margaret Conti
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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.