



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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May 25
Program: Women of the Civil War—Juanita Leisch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bring to the Next Meeting (5/25)

- New/Used Bras
- Community Outreach Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard/Poptabs
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Eyeglasses for Needy
- Homeless Shelter Items
- Phone and Accessories for Veterans
- Guests

Recently our community suffered the heartbreaking loss of an extremely popular young man. As a 15-year-old, multi-sport athlete, he was admired and respected among numerous sectors of the Sussex County population. I never had the pleasure of meeting him, yet I was shaken by the impact of his passing. He was just a kid doing what kids do.

So why is this tragedy part of my president's message? Because I always say the VTWC is a giving club that responds when people are in need. But this month our entire community became a giving club. The day after his passing, students and faculty at SIX different schools honored him by wearing white. A GoFundMe page raised over \$40,000 in four days. Eight local restaurants and businesses hosted fundraisers for his family and donated enormous amounts of food for the repast.

It is inspiring to be surrounded by an abundance of kindness and generosity, and to have our mission shared by so many others. At times like this, there is nothing more important.

~Lisa

"Life is a gift. Never take it for granted."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — May Maureen Blandino

This month we are again collecting items for the "Just For You" DASI Outreach project. Completed "sets" delivered with a pillow are given to women as they leave the shelter and move on to traditional housing. Items still needed (full sized, not travel) 3 shampoo, 3 conditioners, 2 deodorants, 2 body lotions, 1 body wash, 4 nail polish, 4 nail polish remover, and 4 pkgs emery board. **Please email or call Elaine Kuntz and let her know what you are purchasing so we do not get doubles.** Please bring donations to the meeting. Thank you for your support!

PUBLIC ISSUES /PROGRAMS

Lois Marples

Military Support

We will continue to collect cell phones for our “Cell Phones for Soldier’s” project. We have many cell phone to “Cell Phones for Soldiers” that will be sent out this month. We are also collecting handmade hats for Wounded Warriors, and crossword puzzles mounted on cardboard for the VA Hospital in East Orange.

Programs

The May meeting will feature Juanita Leisch who will speak on “Women of the Civil War era.” She is also writing a book on this subject that may be ready for our meeting.

******SPECIAL REQUEST FOR GREENFIELD BOYS******

They are in need of single subject notebooks. Please bring donations to the meeting—Elaine Hossfield will deliver.

Marilyn’s Friend

Since Marilyn Olsen moved to Alabama, we have all missed her! We have decided to each take a month and do something special for her. Here are her “friends” for the next few months. These will be included in the yearbook next year.

May	Elaine Kuntz
June	Maureen Blandino

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder that our Yankee Candle Fundraiser is continuing to July 12. If you have not already done so, please try to look at the on-line catalog at yankeecandlefundraising.com. Our Group Number is 990064260. Click on the "Seller Login" button, then fill out the "Sign up to be a seller" form and use our Group Number above to register. You can also sell to family and friends across the country with the new mobile app by entering their e-mail address. There is a large selection at reasonable prices. Lets ALL contribute either by purchasing or selling and see if we can break our previous fundraising records--our club gets 40% of all orders!

FARM TO FORK FONDO-JUNE 11, 2017

The Farm to Fork Fondo (bicycle ride) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 11 at Pennings Farm with registration on Saturday, June 10. Three of us have signed up to help with registration on June 10 from 4-7 at Pennings. Eight of our members have agreed to help at the aid station at Westtown Brew Works from 9-10:30 and then proceed to join the other members at Heaven Hill Farm where we will provide refreshments to the bicycle riders.

The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday at 5:00 pm at Pennings and it would be great if we could get all of our team members to come to accept our award and be in the official photos. There will also be food, music and vendors!

I will be attending an organizational meeting with Wrenegade Sports on June 8 at Pennings. If you would like to attend with me, please send me an e-mail. I will be picking up the T-shirts at this meeting and will have them available on Friday and Saturday.

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. If you need a copy, please e-mail me.

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)

Happy Birthday

Judy Filippini	May 23
Elaine Kuntz	May 28
Barbara Mracek	May 29
Barbara Fimia	May 31

Margaret Conti's Friends

May: Barbara Mracek
 June: Elaine Hossfield

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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.