



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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October 2016

October 27
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Lori Space Day

Bring to the Next Meeting (10/27/16)

- Community Outreach Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard/Poptabs
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Coupons
- Eyeglasses for Needy
- Homeless Shelter Items
- Guests

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the perennials curl back into the soil for a long rest, and we replace our potted flowers with pumpkins, the trees begin bursting with life. Vibrant colors remind us to deeply inhale the brisk fall air and reinvigorate ourselves for the changing season.

Just as autumn adds a brilliance to the scenery, it rejuvenates “the great common human heart of us all.” Many club activities are launched and implemented at this time of year....Boatsie's Boxes, food baskets for the holidays, hats/scarves/mittens for needy children, and, of course, our essential fundraiser at Heaven Hill Farm. Let's all take a deep breath, climb aboard the autumn express and energize ourselves to accomplish everything that lies on the colorful road ahead.

My favorite season is definitely summer, but my favorite color will always be October! See you all on the 27th!

Lisa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — October

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!

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

Heaven Hill Farm

I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered at Heaven Hill Farm for their annual Great Pumpkin Festival. As you know, this is our biggest fundraiser and enables us to continue with all of the philanthropic work we do for our local community and others.

Shop With SCRIP Gift Card Fundraising Program

Although our Shop With Scrip Gift Card Program runs all throughout the year, the holidays are approaching and many of us buy gift cards as gifts. We also can purchase gift cards for our own use such as grocery stores, i.e. Shop Rite, Weis, and Acme, as well as gas cards.

I previously sent an e-mail with the list and order forms. Please have your orders ready at the October and November meetings, along with your check or cash and remember to add \$1.50 to your order to cover postage. This will enable us to place the order as soon as possible and have your gift cards in time for the holidays.

Tupperware Catalog Party

Once again we will be having our Tupperware Fundraiser as a Catalog Party which will be running for 2 weeks from October 27, the night of our meeting through November 10, 2016. I will have catalogs and order forms at the meeting. Please let your friends and family know. Our club will receive 15% of the orders placed during that time period.

New Items For Collection

Eyeglasses for the needy - Elaine Kuntz will collect your unwanted eye glasses each month and bring to the collection location.

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.

PUBLIC ISSUES**Lois Marples****Military Support**

We have completed the Boatsie Boxes Project for this year. Twelve Christmas stockings were filled for the soldiers. Elaine H. will be taking them to headquarters for us. Thank you to all who donated items for these stockings. The soldiers will appreciate all we've done.

We will continue to collect cell phones for our "Cell Phones for Soldier's" project. I have a large bag that I will be sending soon.

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.

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

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. This is a presidential election. It is our American privilege to vote. Please remember to cast your vote on Election Day.

PROGRAMS**Lois Marples****October 2016**

The October Meeting will have as it's speaker, Lori Space Day and will speak about her life as a zoo keeper. Her topic will include a photographic presentation of Space Farms.

FEDERATION SECRETARY**Elaine Hossfield****Headquarters' Holiday Event**

The Event is Thursday, November 17. We need to let Carol Sas, Secretary, know as soon as possible how many will be attending due to limited space. It is a sing-a-long, tour of the headquarters and light refreshments. Also, I will be wearing my State Project Pin. If anyone would like to buy one they are \$5. I can pick it up for you if you want one. Please let me know by our meeting next week if you would like to attend and I will let them know.

NJ River Cruise for the State Project

It was a great day. The houseboat was Lois' idea for a clubhouse! Below are a few pictures.

**MEMBERSHIP****Maureen Blandino**

Yearbooks were distributed at the September meeting. Please put your name in your book just in case you leave it at a meeting - we will know who it belongs to.

A few corrections to make in the yearbook:

International Affairs Co-Chairmen: Karen Rothstadt
Elaine Hossfield

Reminder: When arriving at meetings, please sign in and wear your pin.

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. The User code is case sensitive and is **S3E2ruKa**.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

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

Happy Birthday

Elaine Hossfield October 16

Margaret Conti's Friends:

October: Lois Marples

November: Karen Rothstadt

Margaret Conti

Seabo House

Vineland Development Center

1676 East Landis Avenue

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.**

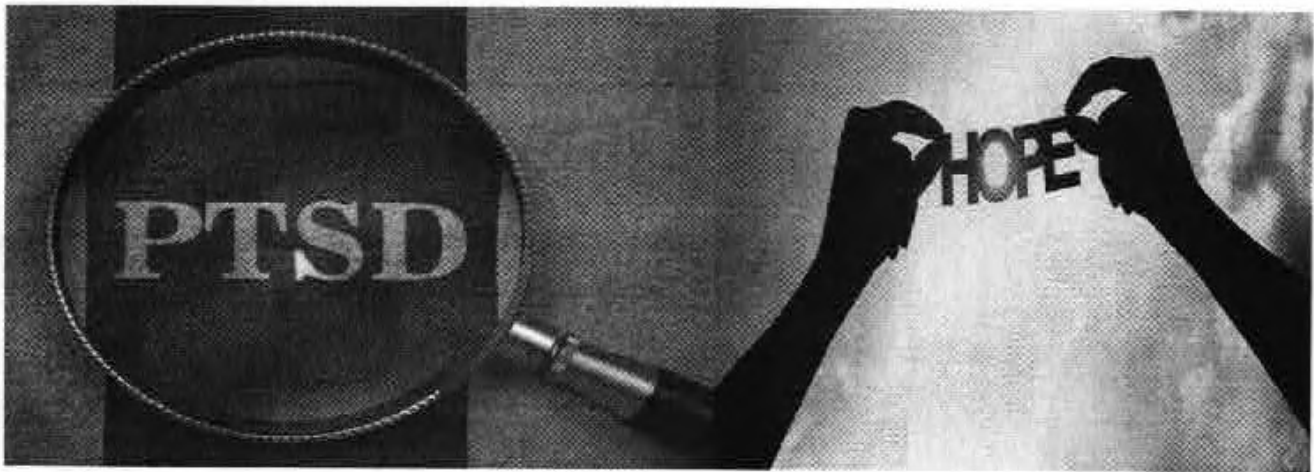
Sussex County Community College and NAMI Sussex



cordially invite all police officers, first responders, their families, and the general public to a free screening of the documentary film...



Code 9 - Officer Needs Assistance



Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Sussex County Community College
Performing Arts Center
College Hill Road, Newton NJ 07860

This documentary was conceived and created by filmmaker Deborah Ortiz after her husband experienced serious Post-Traumatic Stress from serving as a highway patrol officer. The film spotlights the prevalence of PTSD among police and other first responders and points the way toward hope and recovery. It is important for family and friends to learn what first responders may experience, so as to acquire a better understanding of their situation. Following the film, a Q&A session will be held with retired Jersey City Police Captain Robert Cubby (who appears in the film) and others.

Additional event info - call 973-729-5153. More on NAMI Sussex - call 973-214-0632 or visit www.nami-sussex-nj.org. To learn more about the film, visit www.code9project.org