



Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District
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September 22 — Pot Luck Dinner
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm
Guest Speaker: GCI Candidate

Bring to the Next Meeting (9/22/16)

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

September Hostesses
All Members
(See List Attached)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Executive Board members and committee chairs met recently to chart our course for the upcoming year. All of their ideas are the impetus for an exciting agenda of speakers, fundraisers and activities that will continue to propel the VTWC toward great achievements!

As we gear up for another successful Club year, our first event will be this month's potluck dinner on September 22. I am honored to report that Highlands District Vice President Barbara McCloskey will be our distinguished guest for the evening. We'll also learn first-hand how our support changed another GCI candidate's life in positive ways! Keep in mind we will begin at **6:30 p.m.** instead of 7:00 so we have plenty of time to enjoy our meal and catch up with friends.

This meeting is also the time to sign up for our largest fundraiser of the year, Heaven Hill Farm's fall festival. Through this fantastic partnership, we provide the farm with manpower and in return they help fund our philanthropic activities throughout the year. With only 30 members we need everyone's support to make this another successful fundraiser.

See you on the 22nd!

Lisa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — September
Maureen Blandino

This month we are collecting items for DASI. They can use everything!
Please bring donations to the meeting. Thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

FARM TO FORK FONDO

For those of you that attended our June meeting, you are aware that the Club had voted to participate in a "Farm to Fork Fondo" which was being held on June 26, at Heaven Hill Farm. We chose the option to provide 4 volunteers to host an aid station for the bicyclists from 9-1 and our Club would receive \$200. Just prior to the event, I was contacted by the host, Wrenegade Sports, who offered to loan us 2 staff members if we could get 4 more volunteers. This entitled us to enter the volunteer competition and qualify for a larger cash award.

I would like to thank our **TEAM BLUE** volunteers, Barbara Fimia, Marti Allen, Valerie Seufert and Elaine Hossfield for all of their hard work. I also recruited a few friends, Suzanne and Howie Zatkowsky, Marilyn and John Carlin, and my new tenant, Meredith Dammers and her 2 children who stood out in the road the entire time and directed the bikers to our aid station. Howie and John helped with replenishing the water jugs and taking ailing riders back to Pennings Farm. (It was a really HOT day!)

At 5:00 p.m. I headed over to Pennings Farm where closing ceremonies were being held and the winners of the volunteer competition were announced. To my surprise, all of our hard work paid off--we came in **SECOND PLACE** and made \$685.00 for our Club!

What a wonderful start to our new year!

HEAVEN HILL FARM

Fall has arrived and with it comes our biggest fundraiser of the year which runs every Saturday and Sunday from September 17 through October 31 and includes Columbus Day. There will be 2 shifts each day from 9:00am-2:00pm and from 2:00pm to 6:00pm and we will need two people in the ticket booth and one at the gate. I will not be at the September meeting, but Barbara Fimia has offered to pass around the sign up sheet. I'm asking each member to sign up for at least one and possibly two shifts or more. Please check your calendars and sign up or e-mail me at mariapls@aol.com with your available dates. **WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO HELP! THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!**

**Programs
September 2016**

The September Meeting is our annual Pot Luck dinner. We will be starting the dinner at 6:30. Anne and Judy are the chairmen for this event. If you have not signed up, letting them know what you will bring, please get in touch with Anne. There is a list on the back page of the newsletter reminding everyone what they signed up to bring. We will also have the girl that we sponsored at Girl's Career Institute speak on her experiences during the week she attended.

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

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 Hossfield is the State Chairman for this project. She will have the date she will be taking them to headquarters for us at the meeting. I'm in the process of making stockings and ask that you start collecting the items to stuff them. We will have a date when the stockings will be stuffed at the September meeting. We would appreciate your bring the items you have collected to the September meeting.

We will continue to collect cell phones for our "Cell Phones for Soldier's" project. I will be sending off another shipment in August.

H.O.M.E ("Helping Our Military Everywhere") will no longer be collecting coupons. Thank you for all the coupons you have collected for this organization. The military families that received the coupons are grateful for all your help.

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.

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

A MESSAGE FROM LOIS:

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with fund raising 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.

FEDERATION SECRETARY**Elaine Hossfield**

The Special State Project is having a Great Childhoods Costume Walk to benefit the Prevent Child Abuse - New Jersey (PCA-NJ) on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Monmouth Mall, 180 State Route 36, Eatontown. JSFWC will have a table at the walk and you can join the walk and/or hand out treats. There will be more information from the District Council (Sept)...note of interest it is indoors and one level. For those who would like to participate please let me know at the meeting and we will have to mail any pledges to Headquarters by October 21.

State Fall Conference is at The Imperia on Easton Ave, Somerset, NJ on Oct. 17. It will be \$40 and the registration has to be sent before Oct. 3. There will be vendors, great speakers, and the Keynote speaker will be Lisa Begin-Kruysman, local author of "Around the World in 1909: Harriet White Fisher and her Locomobile" I had nothing to do with the subject, but you know I will be there! Bring your check/money to the meeting for Judy to send club check out immediately! We will carpool for those that are interested. Menu has choice of sliced turkey with gravy, mash potatoes-Mixed vegetables and cranberry sauce or Eggplant Rollatini with Linguine.

Operation Boatsie Boxes will be delivered to Headquarters by me--dates are Oct. 10, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27 so there is no rush since I am delivering them myself as I will be working most of those days at Headquarters. **Items to bring to the September meeting** (suggestions only) - candy/gum (less chocolate), beef jerky/Slim Jims, trail mix, granola bars, life savers, DVD's, playing cards, small puzzle books to fit into stockings, crew socks (brown, grey are requested besides white), ATT phone cards, batteries, Windex wipes (small packages) to clean windshields of vehicles, stationary, pens, microwave soup, body wash---small and can be put in zip-lock bags.

That's all for this month---see you at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP**Maureen Blandino**

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

Reminder: When arriving at our meetings, please sign in and pick up your pin to wear during the meeting.

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

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

Happy Birthday

September 1	Rebecca Dorney
September 7	Nancy Grimaldi
September 11	Fran Weiss
September 15	Anne Whitty

Margaret Conti's Friends:

September: Anne Whitty

October: Lois Marples

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.**

POT LUCK DINNER

6:30 pm

APPETIZERS and SALADS

Cucumber Dill Salad	Marie Flores
Veggie/Cheese Platter	Elaine Hossfield
Mozzarella/Tomatoe	Nancy Grimaldi
Stuffed Mushrooms	Maureen Blandino
Broccoli Salad	Bobbie Mracek
Cold Sesame Noodle Salad	Karen Rothstadt

MAIN DISHES

Chicken	Jill Passaretti
Hawaiian Chicken	Judy Filippini
Potatoe Salad	Joann Howell
“Surprise”	Elaine Kuntz
“Surprise”	Ann Augusta
“Surprise”	Valerie Seufert
“Surprise”	Lois Marples

DESSERTS

Joan Danaher
Lisa Mills

DRINKS

Bottled Water Barbara Fimia

PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper Plates, Napkins, Cups	Joann Sisco
Silverware	Judy Filippini

****If you are not signed up, please bring a covered dish. Any questions, please contact Anne Whitty at 973-764-1805 or anne_whitty@yahoo.com . Thanks! ****

Make sure you come HUNGRY!!! There will be a great selection of delicious food!