



## Bring to the Next Meeting (12/22)

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

### REFRESHMENTS

#### December

Barbara Fimia  
Joann Sisco  
Elaine Kuntz  
Sandi Stouthamer  
Lori Pecoraro  
Velma Miller

Anne Whitty  
Judy Filippini

# Bits & Pieces

GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club—Highlands District  
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December 22

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm  
Program: VTHS Musicians

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

'Tis the season for giving. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill's words perfectly describe the philosophy behind our club. We're a group of women devoted to giving. We give gifts, blankets, puzzles, clothing, food, toiletries, books, bras...whatever is necessary to enhance the lives of others. Sometimes we give our time. We always give our hearts. "Giving" simply defines us.

During this glorious holiday season, I wish each of you happiness, health and joy. I hope you enjoy visiting with your loved ones, surprising them with wonderful gifts and watching the delighted expressions on their faces! I'm sure you'll spend hours decorating your homes and preparing delicious feasts. If you begin to feel overwhelmed or exhausted, stop and take the time to enjoy every moment and remember that you are blessed to have the ability to do those things. People without that capacity would jump at the chance to be in your shoes; those people inspire us to be a giving club.

It truly is better to give than to receive.

Happy Holidays! Cheers to 2017!

— Lisa

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — December

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 are still collecting cell phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers, Crossword Puzzles for the VA Hospital, as well as knitted and/or crocheted hats for Wonder Warriors.

Please remember to send holiday greetings to anyone you know that are in the military. Cards and gifts are always welcomed by our troops

Thank you for your help to our military and veterans.

**PROGRAMS**

Lois Marples

**December 2016**

The December meeting will feature Holiday musical entertainment by the Vernon Township High School Orchestra. Refreshment will be served.

**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.

## 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](http://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**

Donna Zereconski  
 December 15

### Margaret Conti's Friends:

December: Karen Rothstadt

January: Barbara Fimia

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.\*\*