



Bits & Pieces

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

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Hon. Silvia Petillo, Freeholder
Women in Politics

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bring to the Next Meeting (3/22/18)

- Community Outreach Donation
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Cardboard and Crossword Puzzles
- Boxtops for Education
- Stamps
- Greeting card fronts
- Guests

Power. A five-letter word that conveys several meanings. Sometimes it implies the ability to do something, or to be in control. For many of us, it recently referred to electricity. The fierce winter storms taught us how utterly powerless we can be when we have no power. No lights, no heat, no water. Things we take for granted. Fortunately, utility crews worked diligently to restore our power.

Living without power, even for just a few days, made us appreciate it even more when we got it back. We were grateful for the control as much as the electricity. Yet some unfortunate people have no control, no power over their lives. Abandoned nursing home residents, human trafficking victims, the physically and emotionally abused. Even when the lights are on, they have no power, no way to regain control, no utility crew to come to their rescue. Their situations last much longer than a few days; for some it's a lifetime. Through tiny gestures and immense projects, our club helps all of these people feel just a little more in control.

Let's never take it for granted.

~Lisa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM — March Maureen Blandino

This month we are collecting items for DASI. No canned goods this month, please. (Nail polish, remover, and anything with alcohol in it is not accepted at any time.)

PUBLIC ISSUES

Lois Marples

Military Support

Thank you for supporting the Military and Veterans during 2017. We have many cell phones to send to Cell Phones for Soldiers. I will do my best to get a count for the meeting. We will continue to support Cell Phones for Soldiers, Warmth for Warriors, and the East Orange VA Hospital during the coming year.

Thank you for your support to our military and veterans.

Programs

Our guest speaker for the March meeting will be Freeholder, Silvia Petillo, who will speak to us on women in politics. She tells me that this is the “year of the woman!” Silvia also is a member of the Hopatcong Woman’s Club.

Larry, from Cava Winery, will present his program at the April meeting.

EDUCATION

Valerie Seufert

Girls Career Institute – The Vernon Township High School Guidance Department handed out over twelve applications to girls in the Junior Class. On February 20th, Anne Whitty and I interviewed each of the girls and decided that our clubs delegate would be Leanne Cartagena and the alternate Alexis Czerhoniak. The GCI program will take place from June 4th through the 7th at Douglass College.

Scholarships – The applications are in area high schools and also on the Vernon High School student website. An article was placed in the local newspapers and I have had one call requesting an application from the article.

Eagle Scout – On February 25th I had the honor to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for brothers, Robert E Reilly and Mark J. Reilly at the Barry Lakes Clubhouse. The projects that they completed to obtain this rank are building a new rock flower box around the church sign of Our Lake of Fatima Church, and building a shed behind the church for storage. They are wonderful young men and I was happy to present them each with our check for \$25.00.

FUNDRAISING

Maria Dorsey

"DINE TO DONATE" FUNDRAISER AT THE GEORGE INN

Once again we will be having our "Dine to Donate" Fundraiser to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at **The George Inn**, Route 94, Vernon. The Vernon Township Woman's Club will receive 15% of all food sales between 5pm and 10pm. (exclusive of alcoholic beverages). This fundraiser will support all of our charitable and philanthropic programs including (but not limited to) scholarships for high school seniors, **DASI** (domestic abuse prevention) **Child Abuse NJ**, **Family Promise**, food baskets for the needy, support for our troops both home and abroad, birthday bags for **Homestead Nursing Home** residents and more. Please tell your family and friends and enjoy their camaraderie over a nice meal while supporting our club.

A TASTE OF VERNON, sponsored by the VERNON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 30, 2018 FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM AT HEAVEN HILL FARM

Since a portion of the funds raised from this event will benefit 3 local charities: VERNON TOWNSHIP WOMAN'S CLUB, VERNON PAL AND THE VERNON COALITION, we should support this event. The cost of the ticket is \$45 (\$40 for two or more). Tickets are available online at vernonchamber.com.

SHOP WITH SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM is ongoing throughout the year and is a "no effort" way you can support the club.

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. I will take orders at every meeting from now on and can have your cards within 2 days of placing the order. **If you need an order form or the list of participating vendors, please e-mail me at mariapls@aol.com.**

FARM TO FORK FONDO-SAVE THE DATE

The **Farm to Fork Fondo** (farmtoforkfondo.com) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 10 with registration Saturday evening on June 9. This year's venue is at **THE WARWICK VALLEY WINERY**. Last year Our member volunteers known as "TEAM BLUE" came in First Place in the volunteer competition and earned \$900 for hosting the aid stations at **Heaven Hill Farm** and **Westtown Brewery** from 9-2. We supplied the bicycle riders with water, cold compresses for their necks (due to heat), ice cream, apple pie, cider donuts and other goodies. We were invited to take place in the award ceremony held at 5:00 pm at Warwick Valley Winery. I hope to have more members participate this year. We need at least 8 people for team participation in the contest. I will provide further information as it is received. Looking forward to defending our title!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Valerie Seufert, Chairperson,
Karen Chapin, Lois Marples

Slate of Executive Board Officers for 2018-2020

President	Lois Marples
First Vice President	Maria Dorsey
Second Vice President	Linda Fuehrer
Treasurer	Judy Filippini
Recording Secretary	Elaine Hossfield
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Chapin
Federation Secretary	Lisa Mills

Department Chairmen

The Arts/Creative	Judy Filippini
Communications	Lisa Mills
Education	Valerie Seufert, Anne Whitty
Home Life	Barbara Fimia
Domestic Abuse	Maureen Blandino
International Affairs	Karen Rothstadt
Public Issues	Debbie Piccirillo
Special State Project	Karen Chapin

Committees

Newsletter	Anne Whitty
Yearbook	
Membership	Maureen Blandino

This year the nominating committee is recommending that we break some areas into sub-committees. We ask that each of our members review the following list and sign up for at least two of these opportunities to help your club and community. We have excluded Heaven Hill Farm and the baking cookies for the Homestead Nursing Home as all members should participate in these service projects.

If you want further information or know which areas you would like to participate in, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or the Committee Chairperson listed.

We will review this at the March meeting and pass around sign up sheets at that time.

Education Valerie Seufert and Anne Whitty, Co-Chairmen

Box Tops for Education
 Stamps for Education
 Letters to Santa
 Girls Career Institute
 Scholarships for High School Seniors
 Achievement Awards 5th and 8th Grade
 Eagle Scout/Girl Scout Gold Awards
 Scholarship for Older Woman returning to School

Home Life Barbara Fimia, Chairman

Newton Hospital (Chemo blankets/hats; comfort pillows) Elaine Kuntz
 Homestead Nursing Home (Birthday Bags—ongoing monthly project)
 Family Promise (hygiene bags for homeless men; holiday gifts; special needs as requested)
 Putting Prayers into Action (support and clothing as needed certain times of year)
 Birth Haven (holiday gifts; special needs as requested)
 Vineland Nursing Home—Our Friend , Margaret Conti (Send holiday, birthday card/gifts)
 Community Help (as needed)

Domestic Abuse Maureen Blandino, Chairman

Christmas Gifts
 Easter Baskets
 Collect Small Toiletries for DASI
 Monthly collection of food, etc. for DASI
 Just For You Bags (Prepared for women entering DASI. These consist of a pillow, pillowcase, towel set, emory boards, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, deodorant and socks.)

The following committees as well as other areas will have opportunities for members to participate as projects are determined. Let us know if you are interested in these also.

<u>Special State Project</u>	Karen Chapin
<u>International Affairs</u>	Karen Rothstadt
<u>Public Issues</u>	Debbie Piccirillo
<u>Fundraising</u>	Linda Fuehrer

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)

Homeless Men's Shelter — Shaving creams, razors, socks, deodorant

Happy Birthday

Karen Chapin March 12

Margaret Conti's Friends:

March: Karen Rothstadt

April: Elaine Kuntz

Margaret Conti

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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.