



# Bits & Pieces

**GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club  
Highlands District  
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**All Meetings At Senior Center Cancelled Until Further Notice**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It was so nice to see so many of you at our outdoor meeting last month. It turned out to be a beautiful day—a little windy—but we were still able to meet with each other and share our progress as we continue to go forward during this difficult time. We even welcomed 3 new members—Lillian Pappas, Cathy Maksymiuk and Lorraine Menonna! Please introduce yourselves, get to know them and make them feel welcome.

Lois shared the wonderful news that we have collected more than \$2,600 through the article that appeared in the Advertiser.

We have learned that our largest fundraiser at Heaven Hill Farm will take place this year (on a limited basis) so we will not totally lose the fundraiser. Thanks to all who have agreed to work. I know it was a difficult decision to make with everything going on and some of you have chosen not to work. That's very understandable. Whatever we earn will be appreciated! We should also be receiving a nominal donation from Wrenegade Foundation in October even though we were not able to work at the Farm to Fork Fondo this year. Judy will be arranging for The George Inn Fundraiser, probably in the beginning of November. Invite your family and friends to either dine in or take out their meal.

Once again I would like to say how proud I am to be your President and watch all of you continue the good work we do as a Club throughout this pandemic. **KEEP IT UP LADIES—YOU ARE AWESOME!!**

See you in September as the song goes! Our next meeting will be held at Maureen Blandino's home (in the garage) on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for hosting Maureen. If you are not able to join us, please e-mail your reports to me.

*~ Maria*

## FUNDRAISING

**Judy Filippini and Angela Peacock**

We are asking all members for suggestions for fundraisers to help us make up some of this loss. Please email suggestions to either of us.

**Shop with Scrip Gift Cards** – You can purchase gift cards anytime during the year for your own use or as gifts. We will take orders at every meeting or via email at this time. If you need an order form (one is on next page) or the list of participating vendors, please email Judy. Email Orders – email order to Judy (jmfile23@yahoo.com) and send check to Lois Marples (our new treasurer). Judy will verify with Lois the orders.

**Amazon Smile** — We are now participating in Amazon Smile. No cost to anyone. Just order through the amazon smile website and select our group as the non-profit to receive the incentive monies.

### **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

### **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile.

### **How do I select a charitable organization to support on AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you need to select **GFWC Vernon Township Womans Club Incorporated** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. They remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation

**Heaven Hill Farm Fall Festival** — Once again, we are helping at the Fall Festival. Due to COVID it will be different this year. There are three positions open for us to help at—2 gate attendants and 1 to answer the phone. Shifts are 4 hours each Saturdays and Sundays through November. Please contact Judy or Angela for more information.



**SOLES 4 SOULS**  
**Karen Rothstadt**



Well our shoe drive is underway!!! Jeff & I sorted & delivered 23 pair of shoes. It is a small start, but a start nonetheless. All of our collection boxes are not yet able to be placed, but we can still collect from friends, family, neighbors etc. My niece put a word out to her friends & passed 20 pair to me. Please bring your collection of children's shoes ( infant through kindergarten) to the September meeting or call me & I will pick them up.



**BIRTHDAY BAGS**  
**Arleen Hill, Judy Phillips**

We have begun delivering Birthday Bags again to the Homestead! With our budget cut in half this year any donations are appreciated. The dollar store, garage sales, thrift stores have great bargains. Thanks!

**Items Needed**

\$5.00 Walmart gift cards  
Medium size gift bags  
Tissue paper  
Socks M/F  
Hats or caps M/F  
Gloves  
Soft things: small pillows/ throws  
Knick Knacks

**Not Needed**

Birthday Cards  
Note Pads  
Stuffed Animals  
Toiletries

**FEDERATION SECRETARY**

**Elaine Hossfield**

**Some interesting history about the NJSFWC:**

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is known for saving the Palisades from being totally destroyed in the early 1900s. The cliffs were being blasted for gravel and stones in New York City.

Our New Jersey Federation has been involved in the past few years in continuing to save the Palisades with the help of other organizations and local politicians.

There is a stone watchtower overlooking the Hudson River honoring the successful efforts of the NJSFWC and was dedicated on April 30, 1929.

The plaque reads:

"This Federation Park and this structure are dedicated to the successful efforts of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club and of these men and women who aided in the opening years of the twentieth century in preserving these palisades cliffs from destruction for the glory of God who created them and the ennobling of the generations which may henceforth enjoy them."

The watchtower can be reached via a path that starts at Stateline Lookout on the Palisades Parkway heading North.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Lisa Mills**

Please take pictures of your projects and send them to Lisa. Include a brief description of the project, which organization it benefits, and who/what is in the picture. There must be people in the pictures, not just the things you've made or collected!

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Joan Danaher, Marie Flores**

Yearbooks have been distributed. Please notify Joan Danaher if you did not receive yours yet. Welcome to our two new members:

Cathy Maksymiuk

AND

Lorraine Menonna

**CIVIL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

**Debra Piccirillo**

This month we remember the many people and heroes who died in the 9/11 attacks 19 years ago. Vernon had its first commemoration ceremony this year. It is important to remember this day and the days afterward when our country came together with one purpose.

We will be filling stockings for soldiers for the program Operation Yellow Ribbon again this year. Thanks to Lois Marples for constructing 12 stockings. Please see list attached with recommendations on what we need. Anything you can help with is appreciated.

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT**  
**Operation Chill Out**  
**Rosetta Patterson and Maureen Dinkelmeyer**

For their Winter Campaign, Operation Chillout will be giving out backpacks to homeless veterans, which will include many items. NJSFWC has decided to offer them help by having the clubs throughout the state purchase at least 1,000 Mid-Weight Outdoor Zipped Hooded Sweatshirts.

- Men's Colors – Dark Blue, Gray, Black, Dark Green, Camo
- Women's Colors – Dark Blue, Gray, Light Blue & other women's colors
- Logos are okay as long as they are not religious

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL TAGS FROM THE SWEATSHIRTS!!!** (This is a request from Operation Chillout).

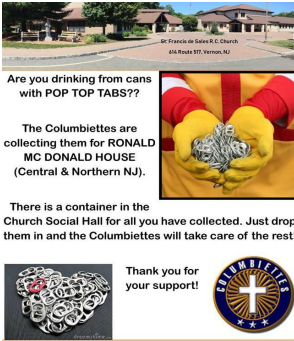
We will be collecting the sweatshirts (all sizes) at our September meeting. Also, we will collecting masks to put in the backpacks.

**The Special State Project pins have arrived.** It is a revised version of the Operation Chillout logo. The hand reaching up with the dog tags symbolized the veteran reaching out for assistance. The hands reaching out to help represents the many hands that make up our Clubs. Cost is \$5. If you wish to place an order, please contact Rosetta Patterson or Maureen Dinkelmeyer, your Special State Project Co-Chairmen who will place the order through headquarters.



# PLEASE KEEP SAVING

(Ongoing collections)



## Pop Tabs

They are found on soda cans and also pet food, vegetable, soup cans, etc.



**Mascara Wands  
To Help Save  
Wildlife**

## Greeting Card Fronts

Please save the fronts of your recycled/used cards. We collect card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Their recycled card program is an ongoing program that provides teens with life and work skills.



## Fiber Fill

If you have any fiber fill for pillows that you do not need or would like to donate, please bring in. The club can use for the breast cancer pillows we sew. The fill is very expensive so any donation is appreciated.



## Cardboard

Save cardboard (no corrugated) for the Club to make the crossword puzzles for Veterans. We place the puzzle on one side and the answers on the opposite. Cereal boxes are great for this!





Valerie Seufert volunteers for the Senior Earth Angels in Sussex County. One of the projects she works on involves putting together packages of assorted greeting cards for each homebound senior for them to use throughout the year. All types of greeting cards are needed **except for Christmas**. We often get cards in the mail from organizations — these are great. Also, the Dollar Stores has 2 cards for \$1.00 and packages of cards can also be purchased there. Any donations are appreciated!

This is an ongoing project.

#### ONGOING COLLECTIONS

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Greenfield Boys</b> | Toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap, work socks, work gloves and chapstick                        |
| <b>DASI</b>            | Children's DVDs (new or used)                                                                   |
| <b>Birthday Bags</b>   | Chapsticks, Tissue Packs, gift bags, s mall gift items for seniors                              |
| <b>Just 4 You Bags</b> | Full sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash and deodorants.<br>Towel set (washcloth, hand, bath) |



## 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. Go to the website [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org). No log in is necessary.

# Happy Birthday

Rebecca Dorney      September 1

Anne Whitty      September 15

### **Margaret Conti's Friends:**

August: Margaret's Birthday Month  
September: Anne Whitty, Lois Marples

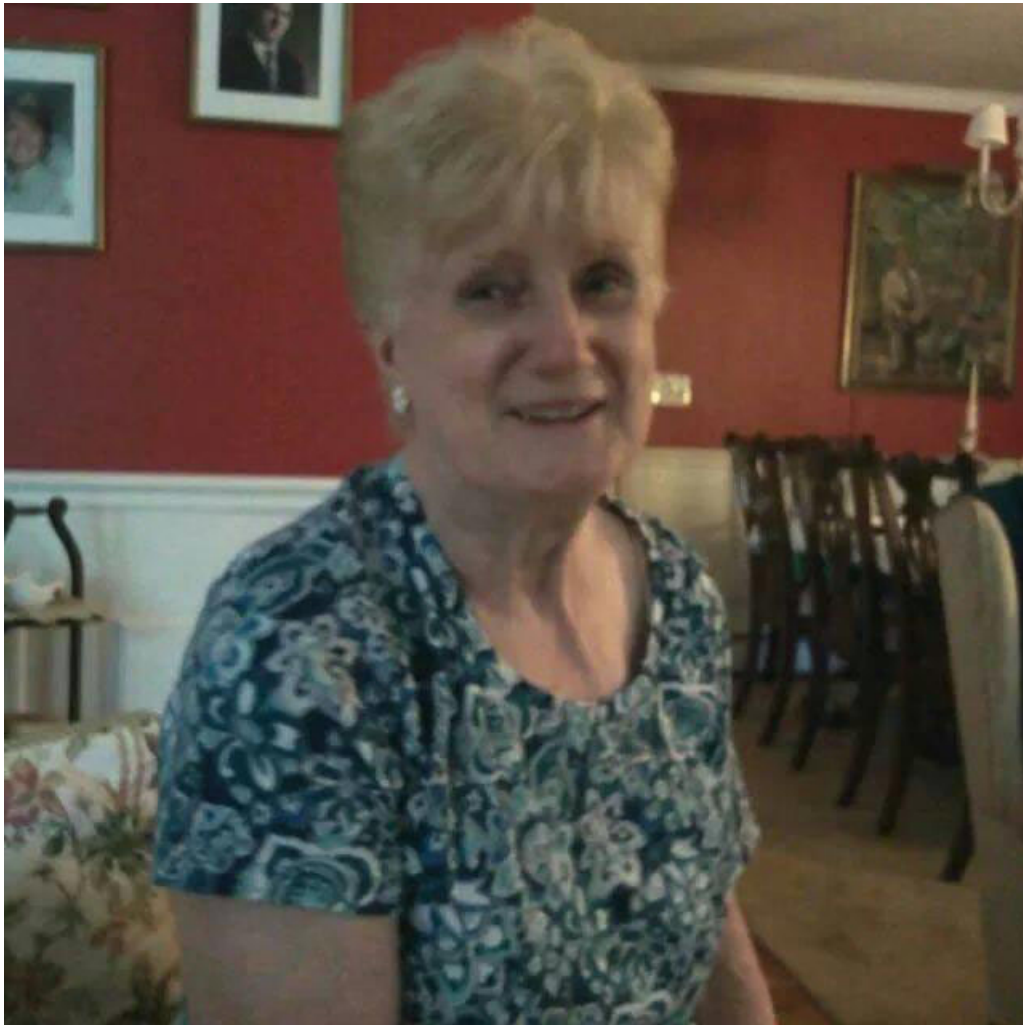
Margaret Conti  
PafaCom, Inc.  
543 East Garden Road  
Vineland, NJ 08360

\*\*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.\*\*

# CONGRATULATIONS

**Ann Augusta**

**50 Year Member of NJSFWC**



We are looking forward to celebrating with you in person!