



# Franklin Woman's Club

Friendship & Community Service Since 1922



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## November 1, 2022 Newsletter



### FWC Calendar

- Nov 1 - Book Club @7 PM, Somerset Diner
- Nov 4 - Designer Bag Bingo--Safe + Sound, Bridgewater-Raritan HS, Bridgewater (see attached flyer)
- Nov 5 - NJSFWC Leadership and Membership Workshop @10 AM, NJSFWC Headquarters
- Nov 8 - General meeting @6:30 PM, Franklin High School Cafeteria
- Nov 9 - NJSFWC Treasurer's Workshop, @10 AM, NJSFWC Headquarters
- Nov 24 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 - Executive Board Meeting @6:30 PM, on Zoom
- Nov 30 NJSFWC Holiday Open House, @ 10 AM -12 PM or 1-3 PM, NJSFWC Headquarters (see attached flyer)

### **FWC Co-Presidents' Report - Mary Lou Bak, [marylb656@cs.com](mailto:marylb656@cs.com), Geri Krassowski, [gerik2@gmail.com](mailto:gerik2@gmail.com)**

It's fitting to take stock of what we have to be thankful for as we prepare for Thanksgiving. Your support of the Stockings project, the Safe and Sound Domestic Violence vigil, and contributions to the Tricky Tray Pets basket is very much appreciated!! "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much," a quote by Hellen Keller, is proven by all our efforts in service to our community.

We will have Service Night at November's General Meeting which has become another favorite tradition of our Club. Projects this year will include assembling Thanksgiving Food Baskets, making Tray Favors for nursing home residents, designing blank greeting cards for active military personnel to send to family and friends, participating in the GFWC Legislative Alerts program, and creating Christmas ornaments as decorations for Veterans' Home residents. Thank you in advance for your participation in all these meaningful projects. We look forward to sharing hands-on project time with everyone!

Continuing to tabulate service hours in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have so much good work to celebrate:

- Legislation (Legislative and community research and alerts) 22 hours
- Newsletter (Preparation and editing) 56 hours
- Education (Book drive, GCI preparation & volunteering; Scholarship administration, outreach, reviews, dinner) 433 hours
- Club History (research, presentation) 6 hours
- Health and Wellness (chemo caps for cancer patients, Operation Smile, planning) 39 hours
- Civic Engagement and Outreach (Stockings) 40 hours
- Fundraising (Tricky Tay planning, contributions, and baskets, Boscov's) 75 hours
- Environment (Palisades Women's Federation Monument trip) 21 hours
- Domestic Violence (Vigil, pinwheels) 27 hours
- Community Improvement (Youth Center outreach) 6 hours

**Total Hours for this Reporting Cycle: 725**

**Hours from Last Month:** + 105  
**Total Hours So Far Recorded:** = 830

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!  
Geri and Mary Lou

**Programs** – Amy Manifeste, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs, [shantimanifest@gmail.com](mailto:shantimanifest@gmail.com)

November's meeting will be our annual Service Night. (More info above in the co-Presidents' report.) The club is looking forward to welcoming the FHS Madrigal singers for some holiday cheer at the December meeting.

**Membership** – Sarah Melvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, [sarahmelvin@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmelvin@gmail.com), 609-510-5994 (cell)

Members - we were delighted to welcome new members Wendy Wright and Lynn Cassidy to our ranks at the October meeting. We are very happy to have you both and look forward to working and socializing with you in the future.

**Guests** - if anyone would like to bring a guest along to the November meeting, please let Sarah know. We are open for new members and always welcome guests.

**Arts and Culture** – Chair Needed

Interested in chairing this committee? It can be as simple as finding interesting arts programs, a cultural event or presentation, or leading or organizing a crafts project. Anyone can contribute ideas and suggestions!

**Domestic Violence Committee** – Ellen Junas, Chair, [ellen.junas.att@icloud.com](mailto:ellen.junas.att@icloud.com)

October is Domestic Violence Month. On October 19, 2022, (a very cold evening) the Safe+Sound Organization of Somerset County hosted a very emotional event at the Somerset County Courthouse in Somerville. It was the "Candles of Hope" vigil for survivors of Domestic Violence.

As you entered the courthouse, along the walkway, there were signs with the names of people from Somerset County who did not survive domestic violence. Candles were handed out to the people who attended the program, and on the count of three the audience lit their candles. There were speakers and wonderful music! As I said before it was an emotional event. Thanks to Jessica Skultety!

I would like to thank the following volunteers of the Franklin Woman's Club who helped with setup, greeting, handing out the candles and cleanup:

Our co-President Mary Lou Bak, Phyllis Beals, Tracy Coney-Muse, Sharon Coney, Lataya Knibs and Alice Beals. Hoping I didn't forget anyone.

**Education & Libraries** – Cheray Wright, Chair, [cright\\_1993@comcast.net](mailto:cright_1993@comcast.net), 732-208-9576 (cell)

**Girl's Career Institute, GCI**, will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023. NJSFWC would like to mark the occasion and we are looking for your help. Our first step is to establish an Ad Hoc GCI Celebration Committee so we can begin planning for a way to commemorate the occasion with a special event. We are especially interested in finding women who have either attended GCI or past Directors, housemothers or staff who may have a special memory or story to share. Chris Sienkielewski, Second Vice President, is seeking anyone who would like to help planning this event. Please contact her at [sienkielewski@njsfwc.org](mailto:sienkielewski@njsfwc.org) if you are interested.

**Environment** – Nancy Gale, Chair, [NancLG@aol.com](mailto:NancLG@aol.com), 848-702-9714 (cell)

- **Palisades Fall Trip** – Club members spent a glorious fall day visiting the Women's Federation Monument and the Kearney House in Palisades Interstate Park. The monument, built in 1929 on the cliffs overlooking the

Hudson River, and meant to evoke the ancient watchtowers along the Rhine River, honors the role that the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs took in preserving the Palisades. The historic Kearney House served as a family homestead, a dockside tavern, and was known as the "Cornwallis Headquarters", as it was thought the British General stayed there for a night in 1776. The home was restored with the assistance of the NJFWC, and many of the furnishings were donated in the 1930s by Women's Clubs from across NJ.



**FWC Members at the Women's Federation Monument**

- **Got Sneakers?** Did you know you can recycle your old sneakers and Franklin Woman's Club can earn money from it?
  - In the United States, at least 200 million pairs of shoes and sneakers end up in landfills each year.
  - Shoes in landfills can take 30 to 40 years to decompose.
  - The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of CO2 which contributes to the serious effects of climate change and global warming.

GotSneakers is a free sneaker recycling program. All reusable sneakers are recirculated to secondhand markets so people can access quality, pre-owned footwear at affordable prices. Those pairs that cannot be reused, will be recycled. **The FWC will be collecting old (or new) pairs of sneakers and running shoes at every meeting, shipping them to GotSneakers (in their postage-paid bags) and receiving up to \$7.00 per pair!** (Depending on condition.)

So, empty those closets and tell your family and friends. Bring your sneakers to the next FWC meeting or contact Nancy to arrange collection. Please note – non-athletic footwear will NOT be accepted. For more info, please see <https://gotsneakers.com/> or contact me with any questions. Thank you!

**Health and Wellness** – Phyllis Beals, Chair, [awpbeals@comcast.net](mailto:awpbeals@comcast.net), 732-331-3416 (cell)

- Can you be part of a **health and wellness focus group** on Monday November 14 @ 4 pm? Likely location will be Community Sr Center on DeMott Lane, and it may last an hour. We need about 4-5 more participants. Please contact Phyllis as soon as possible if you can participate. This is part of a wellness initiative in Franklin Twp. A grant was awarded for our community to participate. Only requirement is that the participant be an adult and a resident of Franklin Twp. Questions will be about access to recreation and other health related issues. You will not be asked "personal health" questions.

- If you have a **988 flyer** at home and do not think you are likely to post it, please return it at the next Nov 8 meeting.

- **Shot-at-Life** donations will be accepted at every meeting. This supports vaccines for children all around the world. Remember, members are not expected to donate to every cause or donation need, but as they are interested and able! Thank you.

**Hospitality Committee** – Karen Bauer, Chair, [karenteach228@aol.com](mailto:karenteach228@aol.com), 908-265-3279 (cell)

**Legislation and Political Involvement** - Sue Carroll, Chair, [scarroll@rutgers.edu](mailto:scarroll@rutgers.edu), 732-690-0916 (cell)

Our committee's service activity for this month and the November meeting is to generate additional support for the issues that the GFWC has chosen to highlight in its Action Center's Legislative Alerts. The most recent GFWC alert focuses on supporting childhood global vaccination efforts as advocated by the United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign.

In 2021 there was a worldwide decline in routine immunizations which has resulted in an increased spread of viruses around the globe. The GFWC is encouraging all members to contact their members of Congress and urge them to support full funding for various programs aimed at increasing access to vaccinations for the world's children.

Contacting your members of Congress in support of this effort or other GFWC approved initiatives couldn't be easier. The GFWC has drafted a message of support for each issue. You need only supply your name, email address, and home address and then click to send the message to your U.S. Representative as well as Senators Booker and Menendez. Go to <https://www.voteroice.net/GFWC/home> and take a look. Or drop by our table at the November meeting where we will have set up a laptop and will gladly help you send a message of support on the spot!

**Book Club** – Maria Hudak, Chair, [mhudak0414@yahoo.com](mailto:mhudak0414@yahoo.com)



Our October book was "The Music Shop" by Rachel Joyce. A fictional novel about community, the courage of ordinary people and the resiliency of the human spirit. The story takes place in 1988 and follows Frank, a music shop owner, who has a gift for finding the perfect song to remedy a person's emotional needs. The author weaves into Frank's music therapy stories about composers and musicians from Beethoven and Vivaldi to Duke Ellington and Aretha Franklin. Frank has troubles with the record companies that supply his music. They want him to expand to CD's but he is adamant that his shop will only sell vinyl. A development company wants to acquire the shops on his street to make way for new housing. Then a mysterious woman faints in front of Frank's shop and he finds himself drawn to her with feelings that could be love.

➤ If anyone is interested in forming another Book Club, please contact Maria Hudak. She'll explain how our evening book club is structured and help connect another group. A good size is 8 – 10 members but less than 8 works well too.

**Community Service** - Lisa Andreini, Chair, [lisa-andreini@comcast.net](mailto:lisa-andreini@comcast.net) (732-692-3309),



**Food Baskets for the Needy** - It's the season of giving and our holiday food basket donations for November and December. This year we will be donating 5 baskets in November and 5 in December. **You will be receiving a separate email from sign up genius with the list of nonperishable items needed. Please sign up by picking items from the list to bring to the November 8th meeting.** If you cannot make the meeting, you can still participate. Please reach out to me and we can make arrangements for a meet or drop off of the items you are donating. Along with nonperishable items we will also be including a \$25 ShopRite gift card in each basket. I will have these gift cards listed in \$5.00 increments for anyone who wishes to donate towards a portion of a gift card. If you wish to donate the entire \$25 then pick 5 of the \$5 items listed.

If you have any questions or have any difficulties with the sign up genius please reach out to me via email or via text or phone at 732-692-3309.



**Fundraising**

• **Tricky Tray** – Lisa Andreini, [lisa-andreini@comcast.net](mailto:lisa-andreini@comcast.net) (732-692-3309), Stephanie Carr, [stephpto@comcast.net](mailto:stephpto@comcast.net), (732-668-5430) **Co-Chairs**

**Save the Date:** FWC Tricky Tray to be held on **Friday March 17th** at the Franklin High School. First order of business for the Tricky Tray is the soliciting for prizes. We will be holding a meeting at Stephanie Carrs house on Saturday November 5th at 2:00. If you are interested in attending, please see Stephanie or Lisa at the General Meeting.

## This month's gift basket theme is Travel. ✈

If you would like, **please bring items related to Travel to our Nov 8 meeting**. Some ideas are luggage tags, travel bottles for liquid, reusable water bottle, travel pillow; think of an item that is helpful to you when you travel. These items must be new/unused items.

Thank you to everyone who brought in items last month for the dog and cat theme. We were able to make 2 prize baskets from them.

- **Shop Rite Gift Cards** – Stephanie Carr

The Club offers Shop Rite gift cards for personal use or gift-giving. Gift cards in several amounts (\$100, \$50, \$25) are available for purchase. You can purchase them with cash or a check payable to "Franklin Woman's Club". The club earns 5% on your purchase, so if you shop there regularly, consider buying the gift cards to use for your regular shopping. They also make a great and practical gift for family and friends. Please contact Stephanie to purchase cards, and yes, we can arrange to get them to you. Cards will be available at all club meetings and events.

- **Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy** – Delores Still, [gvxm33a@prodigy.net](mailto:gvxm33a@prodigy.net)

Check out this website: <https://franklin-womans-club.terri Lynn.com> ...

This is a great treat and quality is top shelf. It is a quick and easy gift. You can send Terri Lynn goodies to your relatives and friends directly from Terri Lynn. All items are packed in one-pound increments. CHECK it out!



- **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends** – Thanks to our members who purchased shopping passes. The Club made \$35.00 this year with this fundraiser. Every little bit helps!

## **Special State Project** – Bonnie Martin, [queenbonne@yahoo.com](mailto:queenbonne@yahoo.com) 732-476-8863 (cell)

The new Special State Project is **Emmanuel Cancer Foundation**, a 40-year-old organization whose mission is to provide emotional and material support to a family when it receives a cancer diagnosis for a child. The new NJFWC President, Shirley Holly, and her family have volunteered with this organization for twenty years, in work that meets each family's needs directly. With several locations around the state, the one in Clark is the closest to our District. Their website is <https://www.emmanuelcancer.org>

## **Sunshine** – Kathy Deily\_



If anyone needs Sunshine, e-mail Kathy Deily at [kdeily142@yahoo.com](mailto:kdeily142@yahoo.com) to send a card

## \$ **Notes from the Treasurer** \$

Carolyn Lance, Treasurer – [kcmlance@verizon.net](mailto:kcmlance@verizon.net); (732) 491-1318 (text only); (732) 383-9126 (voice calls); Pat Kaufhold, Asst. Treasurer – [daffodilpat@gmail.com](mailto:daffodilpat@gmail.com)

Please remember to use the appropriate form(s) when:

- Submitting monies to be deposited
- Requesting reimbursement of club expenses
- Requesting a check be cut or a bill paid

### **(No blank checks will be issued, no exceptions)**

Forms are available at all meetings and can also be found online on the Franklin Woman's Club website at <https://www.franklinwomansclub.com/treasurer-s-page>.

A copy of the approved budget is also available on the Club's website at <https://www.franklinwomansclub.com/2018%20-%202019%20Budget.pdf>



### November Birthdays

November 6 - Zane Elizabeth Howard  
November 22 - Marilyn Altman  
November 23 - Marilyn Andrews  
November 29 - Bonnie Martin

#### Looking For Another Volunteer Opportunity?

The Franklin Food Bank, at 224 Churchill Ave. has expanded its services, to 6 days a week. It is looking for volunteers (Spanish speaking a big plus!) Monday through Saturday; various hrs (3 hr shifts) and positions are available. If you are interested, please let them know via email at [volunteer@fffb.us](mailto:volunteer@fffb.us). You can also speak with Stephanie Carr.

#### Spread the Word – from Franklin Township Parks and Rec:

Please join Franklin Youth Center staff as we host a Parent Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, November 29th from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at 429 Lewis Street, Somerset NJ. Parents will learn more about our programs and services, how to register their child for membership and how to provide feedback to enhance our outcomes. The session will also include a Q&A and a center tour!

Registration is encouraged: [FranklinTwp.RecDesk.com](http://FranklinTwp.RecDesk.com)  
Please also call us with any questions at (732)873-7292

*Members' Corner is a way to share information about what our club members and what they have been doing to keep busy, fun on-line programs you've attended or are aware of, and any other items that may be of interest to the FWC, such as awards, or family celebrations. Please email the newsletter editor, Nancy Gale, [NanCLG@aol.com](mailto:NanCLG@aol.com), with anything that you'd like to share. We'll include it in our next issue.*

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**New Jersey State Federation Women's Club** website- <http://www.njsfwc.org>

If you'd like more information on what's happening with other Women's Clubs around the state, check out this link to the NJSFWC's Nov Almanac - <https://njsfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/November2022ALMANACweb.pdf>