



Franklin Woman's Club

Friendship & Community Service Since 1922



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October 1, 2022 Newsletter



FWC Calendar

- Oct 4 - Book Club @7 PM, Somerset Diner
- Oct 11 - General Meeting, @6:30 PM, Franklin High School Cafeteria
- Oct 19 - Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event Fundraiser, Woodbridge Store
- Oct 19 - Safe and Sound Domestic Violence Vigil, Somerset County Courthouse @7PM (Rain date Oct. 20)
- Oct 22 - Trip to Palisades Womens' Federation Monument (Rain date Oct. 23)
See below for more info
- Oct 24 - NJSFWC State Fall Conference

FWC Co-Presidents' Report - Mary Lou Bak, marylb656@cs.com, Geri Krassowski, gerik2@gmail.com

Thank you to all who helped at our Club table for Franklin Day! We got to know quite a few attendees, and there were many who signed up to know more about the FWC and hopefully attend a future meeting. It was a lovely day and gave us the opportunity to become acquainted with other organizations as well as sample offerings from the Food Trucks!

October will be a busy month for Club activities. There will be support of Safe and Sound's Domestic Violence Vigil, a trip to the Palisades Interstate Park Women's Federation Monument, and the annual Holiday Stocking project. Details are in the newsletter.

As we observe the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the FWC, we will begin to note here the hours accumulated over this year in Club projects and activities by committee/project areas. Our goal is to log multiples of 100 hours to honor our Club's Centennial. Here are a few examples of time spent on our many important projects:

Health and Wellness (Mental Health initiatives) 6 hours

Environment

(Gazebo garden, Recyclable bag handouts, Achievement Day projects, Cross Estate garden trip) 80 hours
Special State Project

(Operation Chillout Bunco and Quilt Fundraisers, Emmanuel Cancer Foundation backpacks) 19 hours

Total Hours So Far Recorded = 105!

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween!
Geri and Mary Lou



Programs – Amy Manifase, 1st VP, Programs, shantimanifest@gmail.com

Domestic Violence Program:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month: Our speaker for the October meeting will be Jessica Skultety, Outreach and Prevention Manager at the Safe+Sound Somerset County Organization. Jessica will be speaking about what is the Safe+Sound Somerset County Organization and the Safe+Sound upcoming event "Candles/Kites

of Hope" honoring victims of Domestic Violence on October 19, 2022. This event will take place at the Somerset County Courthouse, Somerville.

Here is some info about the organization: At Safe+Sound Somerset, helping survivors find hope is at the core of our work. We exist so that survivors of domestic abuse or sexual violence never feel alone and know that compassionate professional help is only a phone call or text away. Survivor advocates answer our call and text line 24 hours a day – 7 days a week – 365 days a year at 866-685-1122. Our helpline is the gateway to survivor centered services that can provide safety, hope and healing from the trauma of abuse and violence.

Membership – Sarah Melvin, 2nd VP, sarahmelvin@gmail.com, 609-510-5994 (cell)

The FWC currently has 53 Active members and 9 Booster members. It was a pleasure to welcome Diane Harris to our numbers in September and a very warm welcome to our newest club member Lynne Cassidy who has decided to join us in friendship & community service. A new member installation ceremony will be conducted at our October meeting. We also welcomed guests Natalya and Wendy at our September meeting and hope they will consider joining us too.

- **Guests** - If you have a guest interested in attending our September meeting, please let Sarah know so she can contact them in advance and welcome them to the meeting. We are open for new members and guests are always welcomed.

- **Payment** - Following requests from club members, the membership committee is looking into alternative forms of payment for club dues for the 2023-4 year. Checks will always be acceptable, but we will be investigating the feasibility of online payment services such as Venmo and Paypal. Stay tuned!

- **Membership Committee** - We are always looking for members to join the committee. We greet our members at meetings, interact with our guests, and discuss new member recruitment and member retention and outreach. It is a good way to up your level of involvement in the club without committing to too much. The aim of the Membership committee for this club year is to recruit more members from across Franklin Township and reach out to different communities within the township. If you think you could help, please contact Sarah

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

Safe+Sound of Somerset County will hold an annual vigil, Candles/Kites of Hope, honoring victims of domestic violence in Somerset County, on October 19, 2022 from 7pm to 7:45 pm at Somerset County Courthouse. Individual donations (minimum donation of \$5.00 per Kite) will support Safe+Sound Somerset Services. Visit: www.safe+sound.org/kites/

Education & Libraries – Cheray Wright, Chair, cright_1993@comcast.net, 732-208-9576 (cell)

Hello Everyone! It's a new year for Franklin Woman's Club and the Education & Libraries Committee is always welcoming new members. Anyone interested in joining this great committee, please feel free to contact me. Here is a description of the projects and activities that our committee has worked on in the past and will continue to do with your help this year.

- **Book Donations:**

NJFWC members promote education in both children and adults. Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries, and the love of a good book. In 2022, Franklin



Woman's Club collected 1300 books and donated the books to three schools in Franklin Township and SCAP. We also participated in the Read Across America Program. We plan on doing this again in 2023.

- **GCI:**

Every year we sponsor a selection of Juniors from Franklin High School students to attend Girls' Career Institute (GCI). GCI offers a "mini college experience" at Douglass Residential College on the campus of Rutgers University. Delegates experience a sample of college life by living in a dorm, eating in a cafeteria, and attending lectures and workshops. They learn about career choices from volunteer professional speakers and how to network with other delegates from all over the state of New Jersey. Many establish lasting friendships with one another. FWC was fortunate to sponsor three delegates in 2022 and plan to do the same in 2023.

- **Senior Scholarship:**

FWC awards \$1000 in scholarship funds to young women who are in their senior year of high school, reside in Franklin Township and have been accepted to a two or four-year college. Our committee helps in reviewing applications and we select candidates based on the values that are in line with the FWC. The students are selected based on their involvement in community service, leadership, work experience, school activities, and academic accomplishments.

Environment – Nancy Gale, Chair, NancLG@aol.com, 848-702-9714 (cell)

- **Fall Trip** – The Franklin Woman's Club is planning an outing to the Women's Federation Monument in Palisades Interstate Park (Alpine, NJ) on Sunday, October 22. (Last October we twice attempted to schedule this trip but got rained out both days.) This "castle" was built in 1929 to honor the role that the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs took in preserving the Palisades. On the cliffs, overlooking the Hudson River and NYC, the views are amazing, especially this time of year, when the fall leaves will hopefully be in full color.



We will carpool from the Senior/Community Center side parking lot, leaving at 9:30am. After parking and a 10-minute trailside walk, we'll explore the monument and then drive the short distance to State Line Lookout, where there are picnic tables (bring a bag lunch) and a small cafe. After lunch, for those who care to explore further, we can drive back along the Henry Hudson Drive and stop at the historic Kearney House. Expect to arrive back in Somerset late afternoon.

If you can join us, please send an email to Nancy Gale, nancig@aol.com, by Mon, Oct 17 so we can arrange transportation. Please indicate if you can drive, and how many people you can take in your car. Rain date is Sun, Oct 23.

- **Gardening Workshops:**

The following events take place at the EARTH Center, located in Davidson Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick, NJ

- Wednesday October 12, 6:30 pm

Helping Your Houseplants Thrive

Master Gardener will discuss best care techniques to keep your indoor foliage alive and thriving. Bring your plants and share experiences.

Register at **732-398-5262**, or carol.richiusa@co.middlesex.nj.us

Space is limited and "walk-ins" are prohibited.



- Saturday, October 29, 10 am

An Introduction to Backyard Composting

Learn to reduce kitchen and yard waste while feeding your garden.

Sign up required, no walk-ins permitted

Call to register at **732-745-4170** or solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us



- Sunday, October 30, 10 am

Growing Garlic

Garlic is easy to grow and has very few pest and disease problems in the home garden. It requires little space and can be planted in the fall. Garlic is one of the oldest cultivated crops and is rich in antioxidants. Come get the details from our Master Gardeners.

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Past sessions that are recorded

- [Collecting Native Seeds: Sow Much to Know! \(9/21/2020\)](#)
How do you get started incorporating native plants into your yard? One easy way is to collect native seeds and overwinter them to start your own plants. Join Angela Monaghan, Rutgers Master Gardener Coordinator for Middlesex County to learn the ins and outs of native seed collection and sowing seeds for next year’s garden.
- [Winterizing Your Home for Maximum Energy Efficiency \(9/14/2020\)](#)
Winter months are often an energy consumption and budget strain. There are lots of reasons why our energy usage and bills can be higher during the winter season. Join us for this presentation to learn how you can prep your home to maximize your energy efficiency. Michele Calabrese is the Outreach Account Manager with New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program™ and will teach NJ homeowners how to winterize their home to save energy, money and the environment.



➤ **Franklin Township Fall Hikes** - Franklin Township Recreation & Trails Advisory Board welcome you to fall hikes in October. These are leisurely paced hikes on township forest trails, with frequent stops made for informative talks. Four hikes are being offered, sign up for one or all four. Please register each family member attending. There is no charge to participate. <https://franklintwp.recdesk.com/>

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

- **October is Breast Cancer awareness month.** Remember to schedule your annual mammogram.

Sister2Sister Central New Jersey is a nonprofit located right here in Franklin Township with this Mission: To provide services for underserved and minority breast cancer patients during treatment. They help one to one & provide direct support. If you like to golf or do charity golf tournaments think about signing up. Don't golf? Think about making a donation! Thank you! Do you knit or crochet? Chemo caps & shawls are appreciated as well <https://www.givesignup.org/TicketEvent/PearlGraceMemorialGolfTournament>



➤ **Shot at Life is Back!** Shot@Life is a grassroots advocacy campaign of the UN Foundation that champions global childhood immunization. They rally members of the public, members of Congress, businesses and civil society partners through education, grassroots advocacy and fundraising to support and invest in the global childhood immunization programs to decrease vaccine-preventable childhood deaths and give every child a shot at life no matter where they live. **Bring some change or bills to our October meeting to drop into our Shot@Life donation can.**

➤ A Health and Wellness Committee is forming. Please consider being part of the committee so we can get new ideas and support for already existing great service projects. Talk to Phyllis or email her at awpbeals@comcast.net.

Hospitality Committee – Karen Bauer, Chair, karenteach228@aol.com, 908-265-3279 (cell)

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

Election Day 2022 is only about a month away. You can find the answer to any question you might have about how and when to vote, including whether you are registered and the location of your polling place, by clicking on the NJ Voter Information Portal at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml>. You have your choice of three ways of voting this year: in-person on Election Day, in-person during the early voting period, or by mail (but only after submitting an application for a mail-in ballot to be sent to you).

A few key dates are:

October 18 – Last day to register to vote in the 2022 election

October 29 – November 6 – Early in-person voting period

November 1 – Deadline to apply by mail for a mail-in ballot

November 8 – Election Day

Please remember to vote and make your voice heard!

Book Club – Maria Hudak, Chair, mhudak0414@yahoo.com



Our September book was “Sisters in Arms” by Kaia Alderson. A historical fiction novel that reveals the untold, true story of the 6888th Postal Battalion (the Six Triple Eight). The only all-Black battalion of the Women’s Army Corps, who made the dangerous voyage to Europe to ensure American servicemen received word from their loved ones during World War II.

➤ 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 (732-692-3309),

- **Operation Holiday Stocking** – (Pat Kaufhold, daffodilpat@gmail.com) - We will be filling 12 Christmas stockings at our October meeting to benefit Operation Yellow Ribbon and Jersey Cares for our US Military Personnel. **We have a signup genius page where you can pledge items to bring to the October meeting.** There are some items that will not work since the stockings will be shipped overseas where the temperatures may be high, or the stockings may get bounced around. So no chocolate which might melt, no alcohol or items containing alcohol, no soup cans, no hotel toiletries, no books or magazines, no spray cans or gels.

Here is the link for items to donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C48AEAA2BA2F85-operation>



- **Rutgers Student Food Pantry, Food Collection in October** (Stephanie Carr, stephpto@comcast.net) Started in Fall 2016, the Rutgers Student Food Pantry is one of the over 20 food pantries in New Brunswick. It exclusively serves Rutgers students and is located at the College Ave Student Center. Since March 2020, there have been over 3000 student visits to the pantry.

This was a successful event last Spring and makes a difference in the lives of Rutgers students, where food insecurity remains an issue. To continue our support, **we will be conducting a food drive during our October club meeting.** You can bring in non-perishable food items, as given on the attached flier, keeping in mind these will be used by students who have limited access to kitchens.

- **Food Baskets for the Needy and Tray Favors in November** – (Lisa Andreini, lisa-andreini@comcast.net)

Fall is approaching and so is the season of giving and our holiday food basket donations and tray favors for this Holiday Season. This year we are hoping to donate 5 baskets in November and 5 in December and 100 tray favors for Nov-Dec and January. 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 so 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 lisa-andreini@comcast.net, or via text or phone at 732-692-3309.



Fundraising

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

Hello everyone, want to give you an update on where we stand for our 2023 Tricky Tray – We are still working on finalizing the date, looking at March 2023. As soon as we receive the confirmation from the school on the date, we will let everyone know so they can Mark Their Calendars! At the October Meeting there will be a “Help with TT Planning and Soliciting” Sign up sheet. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming help needed, please see Stephanie or me. If you have any items, you wish to donate for us to use in a prize basket please bring to any of our upcoming meetings. You can reach out first if you are unsure if the item is suitable.

As announced in last month’s meeting, we will be having a “Monthly Theme” Donation for Tricky Tray Baskets – This month’s theme is:

“Dogs and Cats”

If you would like to donate a dog or cat item, please bring to the October meeting. We will add your items to a prize basket.



Also as announced in the September Meeting we will be needing to purchase an extra grand prize or two this year as the Disney tickets are not available. If anyone has a connection (family or friend, job) that would be able to assist us with a good discount on a large item around \$300.00 please let myself or Stephanie know.

- **Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Event: Wed Oct 19th, 2022 at Woodbridge Location** (Stephanie Carr),732-668-5430)

Boscov's 'Friends Helping Friends' FWC Club Fundraiser will be held (in store only) on Wed October 19, 2022. (8AM-11 PM) at all Boscov locations. The nearest store to us is located at the Woodbridge NJ Mall (off Route1) <https://locations.boscovs.com/nj/woodbridge/441-woodbridge-center-dr.html>

How it Works: We offer shopping passes for a \$5 donation (to our club) each, and you enjoy 25% off most items. You can also register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card at every Boscov's store. You can use your shopping pass as many times as you wish that day. Passes will be available for \$5 each (cash) at our Oct meeting.

- **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. Cards will be available at all club meetings and events. Please contact Stephanie to purchase cards, and yes, we can arrange to get them to you.

Special State Project – Bonnie Martin, queenbonne@yahoo.com 732-476-8863 (cell)

The new Special State Project has been announced: **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. Our 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, kdeily142@yahoo.com



If anyone need SUNSHINE --get well, thinking-of-you or sympathy cards, pls contact Kathy Deily at kdeily142@yahoo.com

\$ Notes from the Treasurer \$

Carolyn Lance, Treasurer – kcmlance@verizon.net; (732) 491-1318 (text only); (732) 383-9126 (voice calls); Pat Kaufhold, Asst. Treasurer – 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>



September Birthdays

10/3 Stephanie Carr
10/5 Latanya Knibbs
10/9 Debbie O'Mahony
10/9 Joanne Murset
10/13 Kecia Baptist
10/17 Sharon Seiwert

What to do with all those vases? (Submitted by Joanne Murset)

Have you accumulated a lot of vases over the years? If your cabinets runneth over, you can contact a local florist to see if they'd be interested in receiving your extra vases for re-purposing. I recently gave some to Flower Station on Veronica Ave. (732-249-6500) -- they've been very generous in donating gift certificate prizes to our Tricky Tray over the years.

BAM Desserts looking for part-time (student?) employee (Submitted by Joanne Murset)

BAM Desserts is looking for a dishwasher. The job is part-time and requires heavy lifting and standing. Please inquire at info@bamdesserts.com. Note: BAM is owned by former-FWC member Melissa Jenkins, who is a big supporter of our events.

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, with anything that you'd like to share. We'll include it in our next issue.

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To obtain a Member ID contact the webmaster at webmaster@njsfwc.org. In your e-mail include our club name (Franklin Woman's Club), district (College), and preferred username. You will receive an email with a temporary password. This individual member login gives you access to a lot of additional information not available to the general public.

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 Oct Almanac - <https://njsfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/OctoberALMANACWeb.pdf>