



The Club

January 2025



President's Message



"The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." Melody Beattie

Every January our Club assesses its accomplishments in the past year by submitting annual reports to the New Jersey State Federation

of Women's Clubs and prepares to start new service projects in the community in an effort to continue its mission "to support both organizations and individuals in need by contributing either time, monetary or in-kind donations." We will seek new opportunities to make a difference in the communities we serve one project at a time.

Each year we organize fundraising events to raise funds for distribution that year for scholarships, donations to local food pantries, social services, non-profit organizations and others causes. We basically start the year at zero! And through hard work and creative ideas we raise funds to meet all our commitments.

Every January we ask our members to think about what they like about our club; working on service projects, meeting new friends, fundraising, volunteering in the community. Then we ask our members to make a commitment to our Club again by re-joining for the year 2025.

Our 3rd Vice Presidents, Member Chairs, Susan Richardson and Cathy Zollo, will be introducing the 2025 Membership Campaign at the January meetings. Our goal is to have all members rejoin and pay their dues by the end of March. The dues this year will remain the same at \$40. We are very conservative with our funds and feel confident we can manage the budget and cover operating costs without an increase.

It is helpful for the club to complete the membership drive in March so the Executive Board can move forward with budget planning for the new fiscal year. Membership renewal time is also a good time to remind members that our club is a member of the state organization, the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs which is a member of the national organization, General Federation of Women Clubs. Twenty-five dollars of each member's dues goes to these organizations to maintain our state and national membership. You will see this denoted on the annual budget as federation dues.

We welcome new members to also join at this time of year. Reach out to your neighbors and friends and invite them to attend a meeting to see for themselves the work that we do in our communities.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your families,
Janet Walker

Calendar of Events

- January 8th – Wednesday – 10AM
Highland District Meeting
- January 8th – Wednesday – 11AM-1PM
Nourish NJ
- January 13th – Monday – 7PM
Woman's Club Eve Meeting (pg. 10)
Denville Community Church
190 Diamond Spring Road
- January 14th – Tuesday – 1PM
Woman's Club Day Meeting (pg. 10)
Denville Town Hall, Community Room
- January 16th – Thursday – 7PM
Spelling Bee
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
- January 20th – Monday
Martin Luther Kings Day of Service
Senior Center Vernon
- January 27th – Monday - 3PM
WC Eve Book Discussion (pg. 10)
Ann Weissenburger's Home.
- January 29th -Wednesday-11AM-1PM
Nourish NJ
- February 10th - Monday- 7:00 PM
Woman's Club Evening Meeting
Denville Community Church
190 Diamond Spring Road
- February 11th – Tuesday - 1:00 PM
Woman's Club Day Meeting
Denville Town Hall – Community Room
- March 10th – Monday – 7PM
Woman's Club Eve Meeting
Denville Community Church
- March 11th – Tuesday – 1PM
Denville Town Hall- Community Room
- March 12th – Wednesday –
Highlands District Performing Arts
Day



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In Memory of Lin Zrike



I, as all of you, just found out of the tragic passing of our beloved member, Lin Zrike from Janet Walker’s email. Lin passed away this past Saturday, December 28th, 2024. Lin, aside from being a most charming and lovely lady and member of our Woman’s Club was incredibly creative in thinking of benefits and socials for our club. How wonderful were her High Teatime Parties, that she hosted in her beautiful home facing a Denville Lake. Tea was served in Lin’s most exquisite China tea sets. Delectable sandwiches and sweet treats were created by Lin and her helpers. Lin also hosted other socials/ benefits in her

beautiful home.

Lin created “The Walkathon”, a benefit we could do during COVID when we all had to be quarantined. There is so much more to say about Lin. By next Newsletter I hope to add to “In Memory of Lin Zrike with possibly shared memories of Lin Zrike by other members. In the meantime, we just have the beautiful memories of Lin. And we express our condolences to her family and loved ones. Janet Walker will let us know further of Lin Zrike’s funeral arrangements and possible contacts with her family.

Lin Zrike, we miss you. Thank you for all the great memories. *Ruth Gimbel*



High Teatime hosted by Lin in May 2019. Photos by Lin’s husband Richard.



Walkathon Lin created in October 2020. Lin with her grandchildren



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December Events

December 4th, 2024 – Wednesday

Holiday Party at Café NaVona



(Clockwise from front left) Diane Toscano, Lois Sieklik, Sheela McGlone, Kathy Elko, Florence Lucchesi, Connie Zambri, Susan Richardson & Kathy Holland.



(Clockwise from front left) Carolina Vivien's daughter, Vivien Contreras, Janet Ball, Nancy Fitch, Paula Bass, Gloria O'Connor, Marge Dobbins, & Carolyn Nilsen



(Clockwise from front left) Karen Lazur, Marisa Pisano, Ann Weissenburger, Randy Shapiro, Pat Bomus and Michele Cestaro



(Clockwise from front left) Arline Scholder, Mary McAleer, Susan Weidaseck, Janice Kostyszyn, Margaret Fourounjian, Barbara McCloskey, Ellen Duffin and Janet Walker.



(Clockwise from front left) Gail Wexler, Nancy Levy, Lynda Gronemann, Joanne Chiaravalloti, Louise Sassano & Carol Johnson

We had a wonderful turnout for our holiday party held at Caffé NaVona on December 4th. This was our fourth year at Caffé NaVona and I think everyone would agree that the food is delicious and the atmosphere very festive. Thirty-six members attended and everyone was happy to be together and socialize.

Thank you Janet Walker for organizing the event and Karen Lazur for managing the dessert plates for each table. *Karen Lazur. Thank you Karen for all the photos also.*



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December 7th – Saturday

Winter Wonderland - Jefferson Middle School



Our Club was pleased to participate in the Winter Wonderland Event at Thomas Jefferson Middle School again this year on Saturday, December 7th. Lorraine Bollmann, Diana Lockner, Vivian Contreras and her daughter, Carolina and Carol Johnson. We presented a "Sticker Fun" craft to the children so they could create holiday pictures to take home. Great fun was had by all!

Janet Walker

Vivien Contreras and her daughter Carolina



Children's Sticker fun Craft created by Nancy Levy for our Woman's Club table.



Carolina holding up a craft she made from another table.



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December Events - Continued

December 14th – Saturday

Wreaths Across America- Gardner Field & Denville Cemetery



Photo by Jim McCloskey

(L-R) Carolina Contreras, Margaret Fourounjian, Ellen Duffin, Barbara McCloskey, Susan Jancerek, Ann Weissenburger, Janet Ball & Gloria O'Connor.



Photo by Fritz Mott (Denville Community Media)

(L-R) Ruth Gimbel, Barbara McCloskey, Carolina (Vivien's daughter), Vivien Contreras, Margaret Fourounjian, Ellen Duffin, Susan Jancerek, Ann Weissenburger and Janet Ball.



Carolina Contreras laying a wreath. Vivien Contreras laying a wreath. In Memory of Roseanne Jones

Photos by Vivien Contreras. <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15XQKHynBc/?mibextid=wwXlfr> link to Fritz Motts video

“Remember Honor Teach. “That is the mission of Wreaths Across America. Every year, the second Saturday in December, a ceremony takes place across our nation, at 12 noon, paying honor to our Veterans, fallen soldiers and MIA for their great sacrifice, throughout our nation’s history, Wreaths are then placed at graves of a Veteran across the nation. Their name is recited. This is because we vow to remember our veterans and fallen soldiers’ lives. In Denville this beautiful ceremony has taken place for the last eight years due to the initiative of Anna Marie Osvold. The Denville Ceremony is organized, annually, by Ann Marie Osvold, Tommy Dean, the Denville American Legion Post 390, Denville Boy Scouts and others. The Denville Boy Scouts lay flags at every veteran and fallen soldiers grave, in Denville Cemetery, so all who participate know where to place the wreaths. Our Woman’s Club once again participated in this beautiful ceremony purchasing a wreath, attending the ceremony and placing wreaths at the graves of veterans in Denville Cemetery. We missed Roseanne Jones this year, her sudden passing November 5th. Roseanne’s husband, Jerry Jones served in the arm forces. Roseanne Jones, serving in the Denville American Legion Women’s Auxiliary, played a part in the annual ceremony, paying tribute to all the Seven Branches of the US Armed Forces plus the Missing in Action. We will always remember Roseanne Jones in this event as in many other events.

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December Events – Continued

December 16th- Collection of Wish Tree Gifts – Denville & Rockaway



Sheela McGlone was responsible for the coordination of the collection of the Wish Tree gifts in Denville. Sheela received her list from Denville Social Services Steve Dublanica. Sheela wrote out the gift tags and divide them among 4 Wish Trees which she had members volunteer to place at Denville Library, Beignets, Invictus Family Chiropractic, Mutts on Main.

Janet Ball was responsible for the coordination of the collection of the Wish Tree Gifts from both Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township, carrying out the same requirements as Sheela. There Wish Trees were placed in Rockaway Township Library, Fulton Bank, Hibernia Diner, Rockaway Bagel & Deli, Red Hut Diner.

The generous response from the Denville Wish Tree Gifts Collection from the different Denville sites in Sheela's Home before delivery to Social Services. Notice in front of the fireplace

The event was very successful in providing gifts for many deserving children thanks to the efforts of Paula Bass, Alice Birney, Marge Dobbins, Diana Lockner, Mary MacAleer, Gloria O'Connor, and Ann Weissenburger. There were also contributions made from the Green Briar community's toy drive. *Janet Ball.*

Thank you to all the members who assisted Sheela and Janet with the Wish Tree Holiday Collections including Nancy Fitch, Gloria O'Connor, Ann Wiessenburger, Diana Lockner, Alice Birney, Paula Bass, Mary McAleer, Marge Dobbins, Lynda Gronemann, and Ruth Gimbel. The community was very generous this year making the project very successful. All the gift requests from Rockaway Holiday Wishes and Denville Social Services were met. The Morris Knolls Varsity Club and coworkers from Zurich Insurance company also made generous donations to enable us to provide holiday gift cards to Roots & Wings and St Peters Orphanage. *Janet Walker*





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December Events Continued

December 16th- Woman's Club Breakfast



Clockwise starting left front
Susan Jancerak, Ann Weissenburger,
Val Kenny, Barbara McCloskey, Janet Walker,
Madylyn Wechsler, Lois Seiklik, Mary McAleer & Phyllis Duddy.



Clockwise starting left front
Gloria O' Connor, Nancy Fitch, Paula Bass
Alice Birney, Janet Ball & Marge Dobbins

Thank you Barbara McCloskey for the wonderful photos

Sixteen members met at the Red Hut Diner in Rockaway on December 16th for another holiday get together. There was lots of coffee and time to share stories about getting ready for the holidays and club projects. Being together at the holidays is special for friends. *Janet Walker*

December 20th- Panera Fundraiser



Photo by (L-R) Karen Lazur, Florence Lucchesi
& Ann Weissenburger.

Photo by Florence Lucchesi's husband

Our club had its final Panera fundraiser on Friday, December 20th. The weather didn't cooperate, but we made \$73, with a total of \$394 for the year.

Thank you to all who have participated throughout the year. We will be continuing our Panera fundraisers in the new year. Happy new year to all!

Val Kenny



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January is

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Day of Service - January 20th 2025



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

(Excerpts from)

<https://www.dodea.edu/news/observance-calendar/martin-luther-king-jr-day#:~:text=On%20January%202025%2C%20the,National%20Day%20of%20Service.>



...January 20, 2025, is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, a National Day of Service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. Americans celebrated the first official Martin Luther King Day, which is the only federal holiday commemorating an African American, on Monday, January 20, 1986. In 1994, Congress designated the holiday as a National Day of Service and marking the third Monday in January every year as the

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - a "Day On, Not a Day Off."

Dr. King advocated for nonviolent resistance to overcome injustice as a means of lifting racial oppression. He created change with organized sit-ins, marches, and peaceful demonstrations that highlighted issues of inequality. Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; he was the youngest person to ever receive this high honor. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and father by entering the ministry to become a Baptist minister. On April 4, 1968, at the age of 39, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee as he stood on the balcony of his hotel. Dr. King traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to lead a march in support of striking sanitation workers.

We remember Dr. King as a husband, father, friend, and fierce advocate for the betterment of all people. Honor his memory by organizing, volunteering, and spreading the word. Remember to MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF, for you and those around you.

NJSFWC has declared this day as Day of Service. This Martin Luther King Jr. Day of service NJSFWC asked for a Collection for Center for Family Services. Our club will have a collection for Senior Center Vernon NJ.

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



<https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/> (Excerpt from)

January is **National Human Trafficking Prevention Month**. Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. The U.S. Department of State raises awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad, through U.S. embassies and consulates.

During this month, we celebrate the efforts of foreign governments, international organizations, anti-trafficking entities, law enforcement officials, survivor advocates, communities of faith, businesses, and private citizens all around the world to raise awareness about human trafficking.

More than 20 years ago, the [Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 \(TVPA\)](#) enshrined the United States' commitment to combating human trafficking domestically and internationally. In 2010, by presidential proclamation, President Obama declared January "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" Human trafficking includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. *Wear Blue for this event.*



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Wishing all of you and yours a New Year filled with blessings and good health.

GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER

NJSFWC 130 years

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT MEETING – JANUARY 8TH – WEDNESDAY – 10AM

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY OF SERVICE – JANUARY 20TH – MONDAY
GFWC COLLECTION FOR FAMILY SERVICES.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PERFORMING ARTS – MARCH 12TH – WEDNESDAY





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Upcoming Events and Activities

HIGH DISTRICT MEETING – JANUARY 8TH – WEDNESDAY - 10AM

WOMAN’S CLUB EVE MEETING – JANUARY 13TH - MONDAY - 7PM - DENVILLE COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH – MEMBER WILL BRING ITEMS FOR COLLECTION FOR CENTER OF FAMILY SERVICES JANET WALKER WILL EMAIL LIST - WEAR BLUE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WOMAN’S CLUB DAY MEETING – JANUARY 14TH - TUESDAY - 1 PM – DENVILLE TOWN HALL - COMMUNITY ROOM – COLLECTION OF ITEMS SAME AS EVE MEETING – WEAR BLUE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

SPELLING BEE– JANUARY 16TH - THURSDAY - 7PM – THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARTIN LUTHER KING’S DAY OF SERVICE – JANUARY 20TH – MONDAY – OUR CLUB WILL DO A COLLECTION FOR SENIOR CENTER VERNON, NJ

EVE BOOK DISCUSSION– JANUARY 27TH – MONDAY- 3PM – FROZEN RIVER – BY ARIEL LAWHON

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB -RAIN OR SHINE



December 6th 2024.
(L-R) Karen Lazur, Susan Jancerak, Arline Scholder, Susan Richardson & Margaret Fourounjian

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December 20th 2024.
(L-R) Karen Lazur, Mary McAleer, Margaret Fourounjian, Barbara McCloskey, Michele Cestaro and Janet Walker.



December 27th 2024.
(L-R) Margaret Fourounjian, Susan Richardson, Barbara McCloskey, Karen Lazur, Pat Bomus, Kathy Holand, Jenn Ireton, Michele C. & Susan J.



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Sunshine Corner

We are grieving our blessed member Roseanne Jones' passing. Condolences to her family and loved ones.

We are grieving our blessed member Lin Zrike's passing. Condolences to her family and loved ones



Louise Sassano - January 3rd

Joanne Chiaravalloti - January 7th

Janet Walker- January 12th

Mary McAleer - January 19th

Arline Scholder- January 25th

~~~ ***Birthday Month Get Togethers*** ~~~

*Feel free to share your birthday with other members that have their Birthdays the same month as yours with a get together, a walk in the park safely, lunch or afternoon tea.*



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Welcome to our new members Lois Sieklik, Madelyn Wechsler, Anne Ecke, Margaret Newman, Diana Lockner, Margaret Fourounjian, Lisa Farrell and Elizabeth Weigand

**(Thank you to all our new members for your extensive support & participation in our club)**

Welcome to our potential members.

Randy Shapiro who attended the September Eve meeting.

**(Randy, thank you for your participation.)**

Terry Burdzy and Arlene Zimmerman who attended the September Day Meeting.

Elizabeth Marcus & Marie Jurewicz who attended the October Eve Meeting

Joan Day De Ramos & Vivian Contreras who attended the October day meeting.

**(Vivien, thank you for your participation.) (Thank you to all of you members and potential members)**



## **AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION**

TBA

Contact Janice Kostyszyn



## **AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION**

January 27- Monday eve 3:00 P.M.

"The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon

Location –Ann Weissenburger’s Home

Contact: Ann Weissenburger at 973-627-2509 or [aweissenburger@yahoo.com](mailto:aweissenburger@yahoo.com)



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## **\*\* Ongoing Club Collections \*\***

Updated 2/2024

All items can be brought to our meetings and given to the person collecting

*\*We are still collecting cell phones, ink cartridges and eyeglasses – Joan Bowling.*

- It takes a very long time to accumulate enough cell phones to redeem and we don't know the redemption value until they are sent back. The company does provide prepaid labels, so it doesn't cost us anything to recycle them.
- We no longer have contact with a company who will pay us for the ink cartridges, but we are recycling them so instead of tossing them in the trash give them to Joan Bowling.
- The eyeglasses are given to the Lion's Club who work with groups that send eyeglasses to third world countries. In our mission to reduce, reuse and recycle we are trying hard. Please bring these items to a meeting and give them to Joan Bowling.

**\*Greeting Cards - Nancy Levy.** Collecting the fronts of any type of greeting card.

**\*Birthday Bags – Joanne Chiaravalloti.** The Birthday Bag items consist of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday design plates and napkins, candles and a birthday gift bag. Joanne puts them together and gives them to Social Services for children.

**\*Small Toiletries – Nancy Levy.** These items, small and trial size, are needed for the care bags that are given to social services and other local organizations. They include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion.

**FOOD COLLECTION... For ROCKAWAY FOOD CLOSET Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St., Rockaway**

**This small pantry serves approximately 300 families a year.**

**Non-Perishables** (Breakfast cereal, tuna, peanut butter, canned veggies, ramen, soup, crackers, drinks, desserts, cookies, canned fruit, canned meals, pasta, mac and cheese, beans, rice, snacks, etc.)

**Health & Beauty Products** (soap, bath gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent etc.)

**Paper goods** are a constant need too- paper towels and toilet paper.

**Also shampoo, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergents.**

**Donations can be dropped off:**

**the Food Closet- Presbyterian Church,**

**35 Church St.,**

**Rockaway, NJ. 07866**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-12:30. And**

**Tuesday 4-6 pm. Go around back door by cemetery.**

**If you make a donation, estimate the cost and**

**send to Pat Bomus at [bomusp@msn.com](mailto:bomusp@msn.com) who will put together a report for this project**

**If someone prefers to make a monetary donation, they can make check payable to:**

**Rockaway Food Closet. Janet Walker and Pat Bomus**

*Just a heads up! The Rockaway Food Closet at the Presbyterian Church, 35 Church Street, Rockaway Borough is continuously in need of food donations but they know their hours of operation are limited. Now you can drop food off at the main branches of the Rockaway Township and Rockaway Borough Libraries when they are open.*

*Janet Walker*



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## Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update - January 2025

Check the websites to see what the library policies are.

Rockaway Township Library: <http://www.rtlibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-2344

Rockaway Borough Library Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Library/Rockaway-Borough-Public-Library-117410801674019/>

Tel: 973-627-5709

Denville Library <http://www.denvillelibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-6555

Denville Library Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/>

Both Denville and Rockaway Township continue to have virtual programs. Check out their websites for what these wonderful libraries continue to offer. Register for these virtual programs on their websites.

Check out this new complementary digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla"

### DENVILLE LIBRARY EVENT DETAILS – CHECK ON WEBSITE.



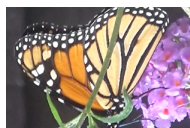
The Denville Library has passes to the following Museums.

Please check the museum's website to plan your visit.

- Brooklyn Botanical Garden (Brooklyn, NY)
- Children's Museum of Manhattan (New York, NY)
- Fosterfields Living History Farm (Morris Township, NJ)
- The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (New York, NY)
- Montclair Art Museum (Montclair, NJ)
- Morris Museum (Morristown, NJ)
- The Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia, PA)
- The New York Transit Museum (Brooklyn, NY)
- Newark Museum of Art (Newark, NJ)
- Storm King Art Center (New Windsor, NY)
- USS Constitution (Charlestown, MA)



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