

Newsletter

February, 2021

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

www.gfwcZwaanendael.org

ZClubLewes@gmail.com



A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

"Now more than ever we must be strong in our conviction to serve our community."

-Vickie Burrier, Z Club President

Join Us Monthly General Meeting via Zoom

*Tuesday, February 16
1:00 pm*

*Guest Speaker Sharon Stevens, B.S. Ed, B.Th.
Spiritual Director/Education Coordinator
Zoë Ministries, Inc.*

The Zoë Ministries presentation will bring awareness as to what Human Trafficking is, explain motivation, tactics and warning signs of this criminal enterprise, and display what it looks like in Delaware. In addition, we will lend avenues to take if trafficking is suspected and describe the programs we offer at Zoë to help with prevention and survivor healing.

*Committee Chairs: Contact Lynn Barberi
if you would like to be added to the agenda.*

Zoom meeting link and agenda will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.



Lunches

Sheltering Hearts



We are still looking for volunteers to provide lunches for the latter part of February and the month of March.

You can volunteer to do only the adults, only the children, or both.

On the weekends we provide for 38 adults and 26 children. During the week we provide for only the 38 adults.

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Thank you to all who have provided lunches. The children are looking so healthy in comparison to when we started in December. You, the ladies of the Z Club, are responsible for these healthy, smiling children.

Adrienne

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Contact Adrienne Ponzini to schedule a lunch day, to donate towards lunches, or with any questions.

302-645-2383 - Delbeachhouse@aol.com





Spring Geranium Sale

March 15 – April 15

Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

- Geraniums are a great gift for Mother's Day and are the perfect flower to grow in your garden or in pots on your patio or porch. They will bloom all summer long.

- Please ask your neighbors, family, and friends, to support us so we can continue our work.

March 15 – April 15

Spring Geranium Sale



Pink, White,
Red, and Salmon



\$6.00 per 6" pot

Proceeds benefit
GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club
Community Service Programs

Ordering

- Email orders to:
mRocksRN@comcast.net
- Place order by April 15
- Make checks payable to: "Z Club"
- Mail checks to: PO Box 100,
Lewes, 19958

Pick Up

- Pick up date: Saturday, May 1
- Pick up time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Pick up location:
Lewes In Bloom Warehouse
217 Schley Ave, Lewes

Public Spirited Women Serving and Improving our Community

gfwcZwaanendael.org



Sales Packets Delivered
to Your Door for Safety

Week of March 8th.



Packet Return Deadline

April 15

Please return your orders and payments
to one of the following members

Mary Ann Rocks,
18317 Port Circle,
Nassau Grove Neighborhood, Lewes

Cindy DeEmedio
326 Savannah Road, Lewes

Dianne Stevens
17309 Venables Drive
Senators Neighborhood, Lewes

Vickie Burrier
33753 Caddies Way
Baywood Greens Neighborhood, Millsboro



**Need your packet picked-up?
Questions?**

Contact: Cindy DeEmedio
cdeemedio@comcast.net or
Mary Ann Rocks
MRocksRN@comcast.net



Ordering and pick up info



Dear Members,

I was very moved when I read the poem titled *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman that was read at President Biden's inauguration. I want to share it with members for inspiration during these trying times. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Vickie

The poem is included further down in this newsletter.



DSFWC Federation Day Raffle



*Thank you members!
The raffle tickets to support our state club
were all sold in under 24 hours.*

History Corner

Nancy H. Phillips, Club Historian

1930 -1932

President Emma Rowland

On October 7, 1930, the club met for the first time in their new, permanent clubhouse with Emma Rowland presiding. The clubhouse could be used by local community organizations with a request that they pay for fuel, lights and cleaning. A state baby clinic was the first to use the clubhouse with a state nurse running the clinic.

In 1931, the club grew to 61 members . The University of Delaware sent an invitation to the club to attend its 16th anniversary in 1931.

Education week was celebrated during the week of November 16-22 with club members giving book reviews.

Corporation and state taxes proved to be expensive for the club to pay. The members had to contribute to cover the expenses. The club had to suspend contributions to local organizations. However, the club continued working on their programs , Home Life , Better Homes, and Cooking and Health.

The club spent their February anniversary talking about the history of the Dutch settlement 300 years ago.

Mrs. Horn, club member, presented the club with an American flag to be used at meetings.

Thank You Letters

Please enjoy this letter of thanks from the Shepherd's Office in Georgetown. This letter, as well as others included at the end of this newsletter, helps us understand how much our hard work impacts the community.



Shepherd's Office, Inc. Tax ID #: 88-4183754
408 N. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947
Office: (302) 858-4547 Jim's Cell: (302) 858-8556
Jimmymartin767@gmail.com Jim Martin, Director

12/11/2020

Dear Terry!

Thank you so much for the 300 Freshly baked, individually wrapped Thanksgiving Day cookies for the homeless, hungry or lonely. We appreciate you and your club so much!

As Christmas approaches, please remember the shepherds' office in your end of year giving plans. We are the Free Meats people every week day and we ^{gratefully} need continuous support! - Jim M.



Spring/Summer Yard Sale

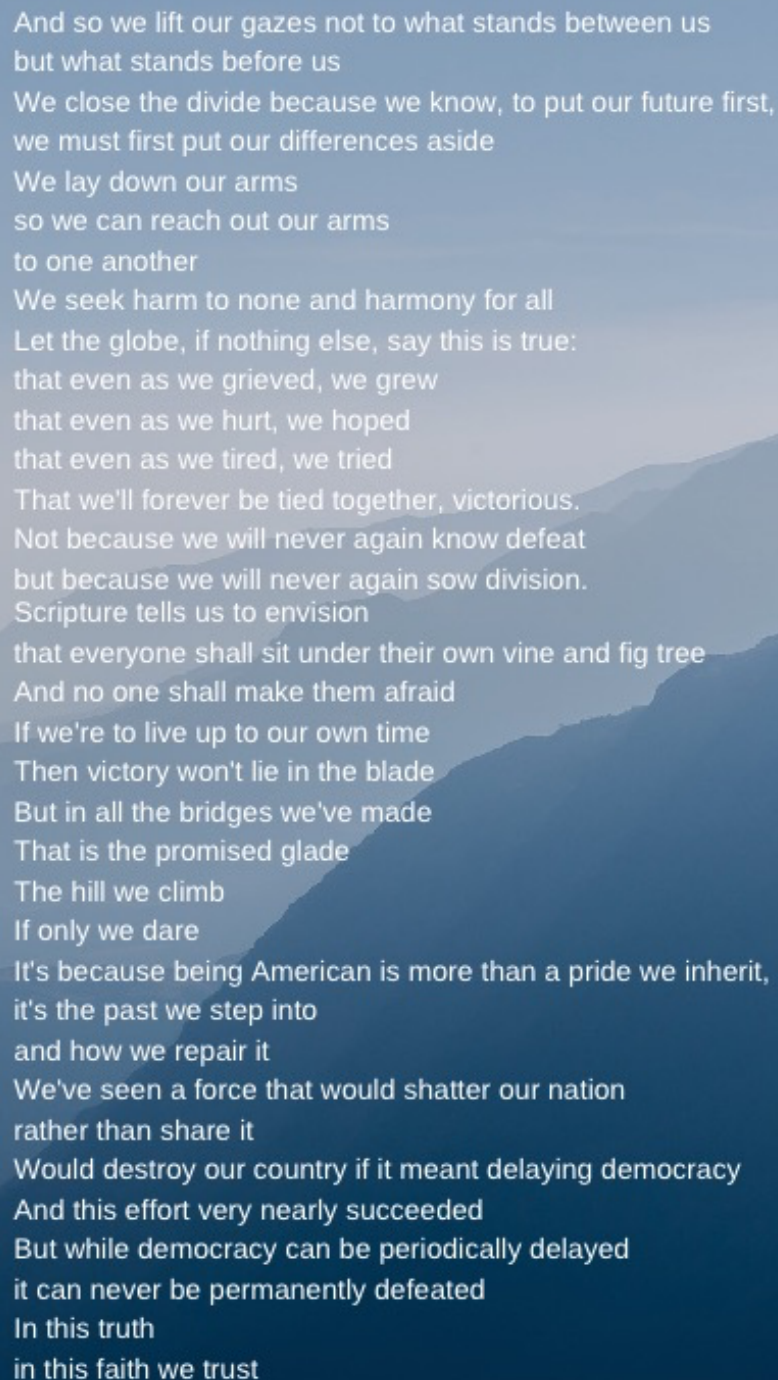
Because of the success of the fall yard sale we will participate again in the spring or summer so please save your unwanted treasures for us.




The Hill We Climb

Amanda Gorman

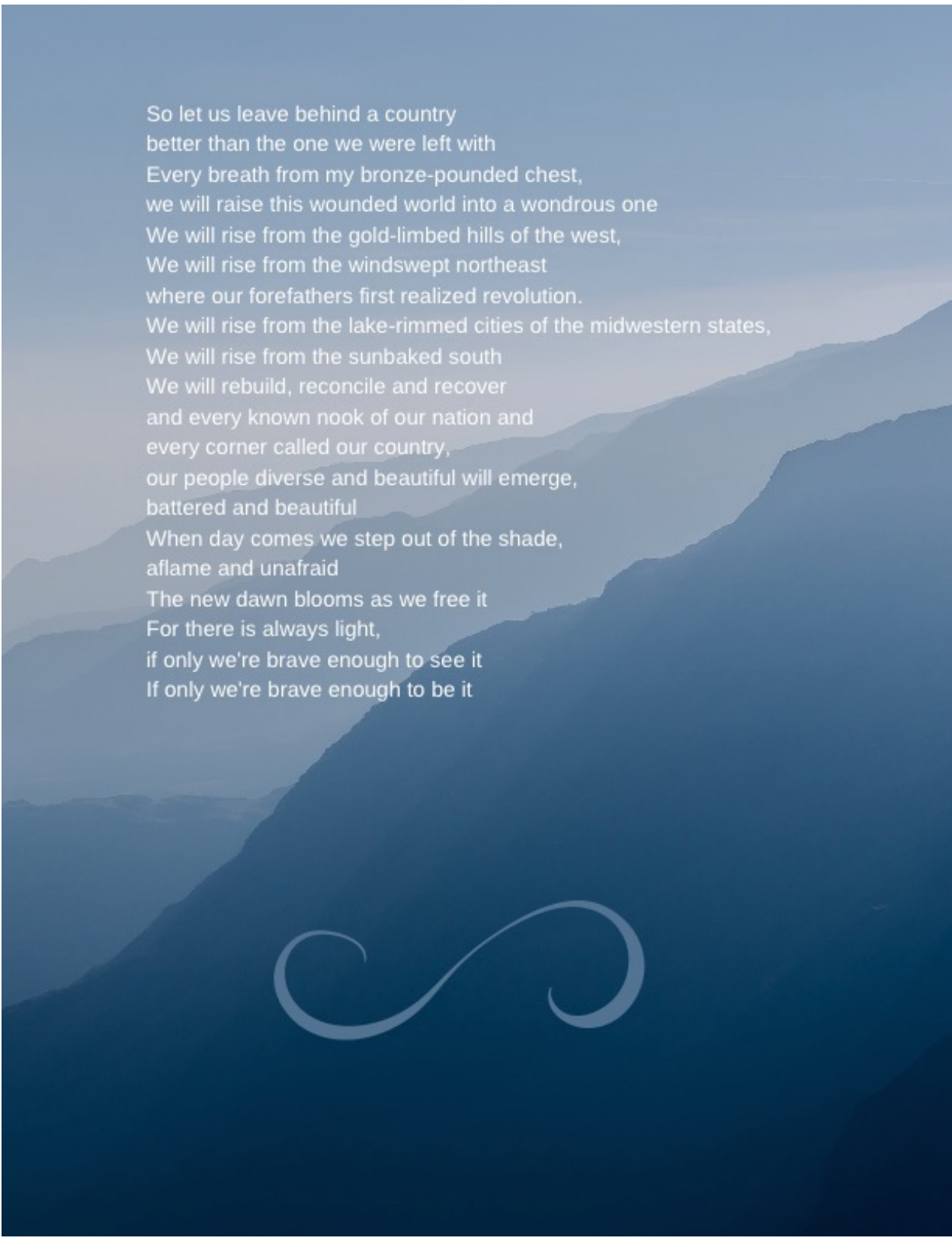
When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is
isn't always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it
Somehow we do it
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken
but simply unfinished.
We the successors of a country and a time
where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single mother
can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one
And yes we are far from polished
far from pristine
but that doesn't mean we are
striving to form a union that is perfect
We are striving to forge a union with purpose
to compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and
conditions of man



And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us
but what stands before us
We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,
we must first put our differences aside
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another
We seek harm to none and harmony for all
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
that even as we grieved, we grew
that even as we hurt, we hoped
that even as we tired, we tried
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division.
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree
And no one shall make them afraid
If we're to live up to our own time
Then victory won't lie in the blade
But in all the bridges we've made
That is the promised glade
The hill we climb
If only we dare
It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation
rather than share it
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy
And this effort very nearly succeeded
But while democracy can be periodically delayed
it can never be permanently defeated
In this truth
in this faith we trust



For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us
This is the era of just redemption
we feared at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So while once we asked
how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Now we assert
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was
but move to what shall be
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation
because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation
Our blunders become their burdens
But one thing is certain:
If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy
and change our children's birthright

The background of the page is a photograph of a mountain range, likely the Blue Ridge Mountains, with layers of peaks receding into the distance under a hazy sky. The colors are muted blues and greys. In the lower half of the image, there is a large, light blue decorative swirl or scrollwork element.

So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west,
We will rise from the windswept northeast
where our forefathers first realized revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states,
We will rise from the sunbaked south
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover
and every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful
When day comes we step out of the shade,
afame and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it

GFWC In-Kind Donation Guide

The GFWC In-Kind donation guide will help you place values on your donated items. This guide can be found in the members area of the Z Club website.



**Committee Chairs:
Please Take Note of
Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit information for the newsletter to
KathyJoCochran@comcast.net

**The deadline for the March newsletter is
Monday, March 8.**

*The newsletter is emailed to members mid-month
and can also be found on the club website.*

Thank You Letters

STATEWIDE LOCATIONS

New Castle County Center
1901 S. College Avenue
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 286-7218
(302) 455-7233-Fax

Kent County Center
185 South Street
Georgetown, DE 19924
(302) 697-0357
(302) 697-1316-Fax

**Sussex County Center
Stockley Center**
2615 E. Patriots Way, CA
Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 297-0370
(302) 296-6385-Fax

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November 06, 2020

GFWC ZWAANEDAEI WOMEN'S CLUB
P.O. Box 100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear: GFWC ZWAANEDAEI WOMEN'S CLUB

On behalf of the Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc., I would like to thank you for your charitable donations to our DAPI Daughters. Your contributions of toiletry bags, baby clothes, \$100 check, and over a 1,000 diapers/wipes help us to meet our mission to provide supportive services and promote empowerment to young families in our community. The gifts brought heart-warming smiles to our DAPI Daughters. One of the greatest experiences any of us can have in life, is knowing we have made a positive difference in the lives of others. We want you to know that you have made a positive impact on our DAPI Daughters' lives by collaborating with us.

Your contribution keeps DAPI at the forefront of services to pregnant and parenting teen girls.

We value your commitment to this organization. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Kim Wright
Sussex County Director
Kwright@dapi.org
www.dapi.org



**Many Delaware families struggle to feed themselves.
You can help by hosting a food drive. Find out more on www.fbd.org - click Donate Food!**

December 9, 2020

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club
PO Box 100
attn: Kathy Fortney
Lewes, DE 19958 0100

Dear GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club,

Thank you for your support of the Food Bank of Delaware! Each year, along with our Hunger Relief Program Partners, we receive over 915,000 visits from Delawareans seeking emergency food assistance. Your gift in the amount of \$500.00, received 12/2/2020 (check/ref # 1499) to the Food Bank's Annual Campaign will support our mission to provide nutritious foods to Delawareans and provide long-term solutions to the problems of hunger and poverty through community education and advocacy.

Your generous donation helps the Food Bank provide vital food and services to those who need it the most. Last year, the Food Bank distributed 43,000 backpack kits for schoolchildren so they could have meals to eat when they were not in school. We distributed over 14.4 million pounds of food with the help of our Program Partners. Your donations help seniors who have to choose between buying their medications and paying for food and families who are struggling to keep food on the table.

Thank you for being a champion for those at risk of going hungry. Together we can solve hunger in the state of Delaware.

Sincerely,

Andy Lomene
Board Chair

Andy Lomene
Thank you!

222 Lake Drive
Newark, DE 19702

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Fax: (302) 292-1309

Member of
**FEEDING
AMERICA**

1040 Matlind Way
Milford, DE 19963

Phone: (302) 424-3301
Fax: (302) 424-4160



December 8, 2020

GFWC - Zwaanendael Women's Club
Attn: Mary Kosowski
PO Box 100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Zwaanendael Women's Club,

Thanks to your generosity, NAMI Delaware can continue to provide critical mental health supportive services to individuals living in Delaware next year. We are so happy you enjoyed the zoom presentation.

Your recent donation of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shows that you understand just how important it is to provide support to individuals and their family members facing the challenges that come with a mental illness. It is only because of generous donors like your organization that we are able to continue to provide our services at no-cost to those who need them most.

Thank you again for your commitment to those we serve. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Thomas".

Joshua Thomas
CFO/ Executive Director

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amanda Kelly Thompson".

Amanda Kelly Thompson
Director of Advancement

Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.
No goods or services were received in exchange for the specified donation.



People's Place

Helping people find their path to growth and independence

August 28, 2020

Ms. Maxine McWhorter-Ungerbuehler
34429 Retz Lane
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Ms. McWhorter-Ungerbuehler:

We truly appreciate your thoughtful donation of gently used ladies clothing and shoes on August 26, 2020. As a non-profit organization, we serve many individuals and families each year because of supporters like yourself. Community contributions are an important of the reason we are able to offer the following programs and services:

- Mental Health Counseling and Medication Management
- Domestic Violence Shelters & Services
- Family Visitation Centers
- Homeless Shelter and Case Management Services
- Veteran's Outreach Services
- Mediation Services
- Foster Youth Services

We are extremely grateful to you for choosing to donate to People's Place and for thinking of others facing difficult circumstances. Your partnership enables us to continue our mission to "help people find their path to growth and independence" and we truly could not do this without you.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,


Kim Rigby

Communications and Donor Relations

*Thank you
so sorry I missed
you!*

The People's Place non-profit tax identification number is 51-0113062. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift, which is, therefore, tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Support Services
1129 Airport Road
Milford, DE 19963
Phone: 302-422-0033, Fax: 302-422-8050
www.peoplesplace2.com





**The Home of the Brave
Foundation, Inc.**
6632 Sharps Road
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 424-1681
www.homeofthebravefdn.org

Jessica Finan, Executive Director

*The Home of the Brave Foundation was established to furnish food, shelter and
counseling
to veterans of the Armed Forces of the USA without regard to sex, race, color, or creed.*
EIN 51-0338521

November 30, 2020

GFWC – Zwaanendael Women's Club
P.O. Box 100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear GFWC – Zwaanendael Women's Club,

This letter is to show our appreciation for your donation of \$5,00.00 to the Home of the Brave II. No goods or services were received on the part of this donation. Home of the Brave relies greatly on supporters such as you, to continue to provide services to homeless veterans in our community. Our goal is to provide case management for each veteran to transition to their next step within 6-9 months after coming to live at Home of the Brave. Providing this transformation assistance to our nation's veterans is truly a lifesaving gift. Thank you so much for your commitment to our nation's veterans.

With deep appreciation,

Michelle Clouser

Administrative Assistant



Village Volunteers

This message confirms your donation with Village Volunteers.

Fund: 2020-2021 Village Volunteers Year End Appeal
Donor: Vickie Burrier
Amount: \$ 200.00

Thank you so much for your generous tax-deductible donation to the Greater Lewes Community Village which has recently changed its name to Village Volunteers.

The older adults in eastern Sussex County and in our country have made it clear that they want to live independently for as long as possible. Your contribution is making that and so much more possible. Through your generosity we will continue providing volunteer services to older adults, offering social and educational programs and so much more.

For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our website www.villagevolunteer.org. You can also find information there on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and becoming a member.

Village Volunteers is and will continue to be the organization you turn to when you or your loved ones need that extra support to maintain independence.

The Village is an IRS 501(c)(3) entity and donations to it may be tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. This letter confirms that the Village has not given you goods or services in return for your gift.

Get to know us before you need us. Become a volunteer!

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jackie Sullivan
Executive Director

Phone: 302-703-2568
Email: lewesvillage@gmail.com



People's Place

Helping people find their path to growth and independence

December 14, 2020

GPWC-Zwaanendael Women's Club
ATTN Ms. Mary Anne Rocks
P.O. Box 1100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Ms. Rocks:

Thank you for your recent donation of 52 First Night Bags on December 11, 2020. Your generous donation will make it possible for us to work toward our mission in many ways.

These are just a few of the People's Place Programs your gift will be supporting:

- Counseling Centers
- Turning Point Counseling
- Whatcoat Social Services (homelessness)
- The SAFE Program (domestic violence services)
- Girls Group Home
- Veteran's Outreach
- Independent Living (youth exiting the foster care system)

Your gift specifically, and the overall support of people like you, are what makes it possible for us to expand and enrich the services we provide. We value your commitment and our partnership as we continue to "help people find their path to growth and independence".

Again, thanks for your contribution to help People's Place continue this important work.

Sincerely,

Kim Rigby
Communications & Donor Relations Manager

Thank You!
These bags are very
appreciated by domestic
violence survivors.

The People's Place non-profit tax identification number is 51-0113062. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift, which is, therefore, tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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1129 Airport Road
Milford, DE 19965
Phone: 302-422-8033, Fax: 302-422-8050
www.peoplesplace2.com



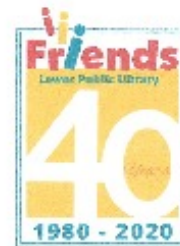
HARBOR
HEALTHCARE & REHABILITATION CENTER

Zwaanendael womens
group -

Thank you for your donations
to Harbor Healthcare this
Holiday season. We are
lucky to have your support.

Emily McIsaac - Harbor Healthcare





December 2, 2020

Dear Members of the GFWC Zwaanendael Womens Club:

Board of Directors

Candace Vessella
President

The Friends' Board of Directors thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$750.00.

Carol Mertes Smith
Vice President

Support like yours enables the Friends to provide the funds needed to pay for 100% of the books added to the Library's collection, as well as many of the free programs offered.

William Oliva
Treasurer

While 2020 has been a year of adversity, it also has been a year of discovery. Of finding out that the library can not only rise to a challenge, but can become a lifeline to people reeling from change and uncertainty. Our staff and volunteers have been able to provide comfort and community by continually adapting our services to the contingencies we all face.

Laura Troxell
Secretary

Allen Cichocki

Teri Lowinger

Keith Underwood

Jackie Urban

Kristi Webb

Nancy Zollo

As an independent library, we must raise nearly half of our operating budget every year - we receive only partial funding from Sussex County and the State of Delaware. This gift specifically, and the overall support of organizations like yours, is what makes it possible for us to sustain, expand and enrich the services we provide. Again, thank you for your contribution to help us continue the important work of the Library.

Sincerely,

Candace Vessella, President
Friends of the Lewes Public Library

111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958
302-645-2733 ♦ www.leweslibrary.org



LIGHTHOUSE FOR BROKEN WINGS
179 Rehoboth Avenue #123
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Nov. 5, 2020

GFWC – Zwaanendael Woman's Club
PO Box 100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Ladies,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and volunteers of the Lighthouse for Broken Wings, thank you for your gift of \$1,250 for our Sheltering Heart fundraiser. Your support enables us to fulfill our mission, to help those without a roof over their heads and a warm bed to sleep in.

Gifts enable the Lighthouse for Broken Wings to provide Code Purple emergency housing during the winter months for all of the individuals who have no home. The program uses the holistic approach of wrap-around assistance including medical, psychiatric and occupational therapy services.

Homelessness continues to increase. As of January 2019, Delaware had an estimated 921 experiencing homelessness on any given day, as reported by Continuums of Care to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We will work with each individual that comes into our program to help them improve their housing situation.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against homelessness!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie".

Connie Holdridge
Treasurer

In accordance with IRS regulations, we signify that the Lighthouse for Broken Wings, has not provided goods or services in exchange for your gift.

The Lighthouse for Broken Wings is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Tax ID : 47-5152481
Phone number 302-727-3178 - lighthouseforbrokenwings@gmail.com



*Lighthouse for Broken Wings
A Sheltering Heart Fundraiser*

Toni Short
179 Rehoboth Avenue Unit 123
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
302-727-3178
501(c)(3) TIN 47-5152481

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club
PO Box 100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Members of the GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club,

On behalf of the 39 children and 30+ adults who are currently experiencing homelessness and living in the American Inn shelter, we would like to sincerely thank you for the numerous gifts and gift cards you provided on Thursday, December 24, 2020. Our clients were absolutely thrilled to receive such generous gifts! You made the families feel loved and blessed.

We again thank you for your generous gifts and hope that 2021 is a blessed year for you and yours!

Sincerely yours,

Toni Short
Founder

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There Are Volunteer Opportunities That Can Fit Every Member's Interests and Needs.

All Z Club members are encouraged to contact the Committee Chairs or Program Coordinators listed below to see where assistance may be needed.

Much of the work can be done virtually or in a contact-free fashion.

Contact information for committee chairs can be found in the member directory located in the members area of the website.
gfwcZwaanendael.org.

Have a New Idea?

Contact Vickie Burrier if you have new ideas for ways we can assist our community or raise funds.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP) COMMITTEES	COMMITTEE CHAIR(s) OR PROGRAM COORDINATOR(s)
Arts and Culture (Formerly Arts)	Laura McGrew & Connie Rivette
Civic Engagement and Outreach (Formerly Public Issues)	Kathy Ruth
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness GFWC Signature Program; Note "Sexual Assault" added to title What Is Your Voice?	Terry Yates & Maureen Keeney
Education and Libraries (Formerly Education) Includes HOBY - Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program	Sue Olkowski
Environment (Formerly Conservation)	Mary Kosowski
Health and Wellness (Formerly Home Life) Health and Wellness – Peoples Place, Group Home for Girls Health and Wellness – Harbor Healthcare Health and Wellness – Harry K Baby Pantry Health and Wellness – Lighthouse for Broken Wings Health and Wellness - Cape Henlopen High School Clothing Closet Health and Wellness – Food Drive	Mary Anne Rocks & Lauren Rose Judy Pagani Cindy Winkler Adrienne Ponzini Cindy Winkler Deb Cebula & Marina Gray
COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP) 2020-2022 (Formerly Community Improvement Program) Helping the Homeless and Hungry	