

Newsletter

March, 2021

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

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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, March 16
1:00 pm



Please read the
Community Impact Program (CIP)
Committee Recommendations

This document begins on page 10.

It will be discussed and voted on at the March 16 meeting.

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 day.



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



If You Have Not Yet Received Your Packet, Contact Cindy DeEmedio.



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



Lighthouse for Broken Wings Sheltering Hearts

Hi Ladies,

There are many opportunities to provide lunches for the children when school is closed for spring break.

SPRING BREAK LUNCHES
April 2nd, thru April 11 - Lunches For the 26 Children

I Am Now Scheduling Adult Lunches for April.

Toni, is now trying to raise monies for May, through donations and Grants. The next step after the shelter is to try to secure some apartment or house rentals. If you hear of any, please let me know.

Our students are on their way to graduating at the end of April, thanks to your help in keeping them sheltered and well fed. It's wonderful to see the children so happy and not having to worry about food and shelter

It is much appreciated all that you do and continue to do.

*Thanks,
Adrienne
302-645-2383*

History Corner

Nancy H. Phillips, Club Historian



Photo Courtesy GFWC

A story from Kathy Cochran about her visit to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC begins on page 15. Photos inside this historic building include views of the Women's History and Resource Center that houses history of Z Club and clubs across the country.



Welcome New Member Kim Ash

*From Lewes, Delaware
Joined, February 18*



"Dear Member....."

We would always like to send the club's wishes to a member who is ill or has distress in their life. Please contact Cindy DeEmedio, our corresponding secretary, if you know of a member who you think would be comforted by a card or message from the club



CHHS Scholarship



Applications are now being accepted for the Z Club \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a Cape Henlopen High School 2021 graduating senior who will be continuing their education at a college or a vocational technical school. Applications can be obtained from a CHHS guidance counselor or by visiting the Z Club website. Completed applications are due by April 1.

Communications and Public Relations

Chair: Kathy Cochran

Website

This is the time of year that the club website is reviewed from top to bottom before we submit our entry to the GFWC website contest.

Please take the time to look over some of the new photos and information that has been added. Our website demonstrates to visitors how our mission is put into action and how we positively impact the community.

The Members Area has been updated and now acts as an electronic handbook. It includes the club directory, information on recording your volunteer hours, forms, and more.

Our club annual reports, which detail our activities and show the depth of our achievements, have all been submitted and are now posted in the Members Area for you to view. You'll be surprised at all the things we accomplished in 2020!

New Member Orientation

We will be scheduling a new member orientation via Zoom. The date and time in March is TBD. Any member, no matter how long you have been with us, is welcome to participate. Please email me at kathyjocochran@comcast.net if you wish to join us.

Members Area Password Change

This is a reminder that the Members Area Password has been temporarily changed in order to accommodate the judging of our website in the GFWC Website Contest.

The temporary password was emailed to members on March 8. If you have any problems logging into the Members Area please feel free to contact me at any time.

I will inform you when the password is changed back to our regular password, probably around April 15. I apologize for any inconvenience.



Congratulations to the Winners
of the 2021 Federation Day Raffle and
Thank You To All Who Supported This Event

1st Place, \$300

Lyn Thompson

Women's Club of Indian River

2nd Place, \$100

Roxanne Nelson, Village Improvement Association

Third Place, \$50

Mary Yonych

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club



Mary Yonych



Kathy Cochran won the
"Barbie and Friends Deluxe
Assortment" in the Lunch
With a Purpose / What is
Your Voice Raffle. Her 5
year old granddaughter
will have a very full Easter
Basket!

Thank You Letter from What is Your Voice



Hotline: 302.447.3310 whatisyourvoice.org
P.O. Box 657, Georgetown, Delaware 19947

MISSION: Holistic crisis care and intensive aftercare for women and children who are survivors of Domestic Violence, in Sussex County, Delaware.

January 18, 2021
GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club
Vicki Burrier, President
P.O. Box 100
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Vicki and Zwomen,

Please know you are more than a donation, you are saving lives of women and children and breaking the cycle of violence off the next generation. It is with a grateful heart that the Board members and I applaud you and your commitment and support in joining us in the fight against domestic violence.

You have made the difference and added smiles and giggles for children on Christmas morning. Through the generosity of the Amazon cards for the older children who are always overlooked was a perfect way to bring smiles for them. The 85 toys will delight any children on Christmas day. Your hearts didn't stop there as you realized the need for the children to give their Moms a gift. That was so touching and a perfect ending to a great and marvelous celebration.

You may have saved the life of three or four survivors and we thank your financial donation of \$500 and the additional \$100 for Christmas. And let's not forget those fabulous cookies and homemade goodies along the way!

Just some facts about What is Your Voice, Inc. With your donations in the last six months together: We have received over 7,200 incoming contacts on our 24/7 Hotline. We expanded our 24/7 Hotline system and lines by four additional to handle the calls. Set up Virtual Group Support and all Case management services, and aide are all virtual.

The Pearl Safe House housed more than 30 children and 12 women, which you have rescued from violence. You have provided over 80 cases of size 6 diapers alone. You helped maintain 3 pregnancies to term and now are looking at two more additional. You empowered a number to become addiction free. We have provided over 17,000 LBS of food and staples along with 2,400 lbs. of poultry. You set up 10 women in new living quarters with in-kind furniture.

Kind Regards,
Jacqueline Sterbach, President and founder
whatisyourvoice@gmail.com
Cell: 302-682-2067

*Forever Grateful!
Jacqueline*



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.



Committee Chairs:
Please Take Note of
Newsletter Deadline

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

**The deadline for the April newsletter is
Monday, April 12.**

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



Community Impact Program (CIP) Committee Recommendations

*This document will be discussed and
voted on at the March 16 meeting.*

CIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The CIP Subcommittee met several times during the past few weeks to evaluate Community Impact Program opportunities for the 2020 - 2022 season. The team assessed community needs through interviews and discussion with approximately fifteen established, charitable organizations including faith based, educational, secular and community help organizations. We made a decision to maintain the focus of our efforts on the Rehoboth/Lewes area as we felt that we would be fully engaged with the needs of our immediate community. Our overarching objective was to determine how we might best provide support to the Hungry and those experiencing Homelessness (HH). Results of interviews with community stakeholders are attached.

Following a lengthy discussion of each opportunity we narrowed down the selection to the following organizations:

1. Lighthouse/Sheltering Hearts was the overwhelming winner- it was everyone's first choice;
2. Cape Henlopen School District Homeless Liaison Office was the second choice and;
3. Epworth Food Ministries and Family Promise were tied for third

We believe that our new CIP for the 2020 - 2022 period should be focused on enhancing the support of Lighthouse/Sheltering Hearts (LSH) by improving our understanding of their needs as well as enhancing the communication to Z-Club participants of the opportunities for involvement in this initiative. Specific objectives that we felt were needed include the following:

1. Meet with Toni Short- program manager for LSH, to lay out a plan for how Z-Club could broaden and enhance our support for the HH. Some of the opportunities for Z-Club help might include:
 - Write grants for their more expensive needs & long term funding;
 - Define the needs of the transitional home in Harbeson and the townhouse;
 - Provide logistical/organizational support so Toni can spend more time with the HH & helping to further formalize her organization;

- Ensure residents are connected with all available public/private services like CRC, SVdP, First State, etc.
- Providing job coaching
- Tutor children and adults
- Provide enrichment for children — Children's Learning Garden, Bookmobile, Children's Museum in Lewes, etc.
- Develop metrics such as: Increasing the number of dinners and lunches Z Club volunteers make to reach a specific target. e.g. Double the number of lunches provided by Z-Club this year.

Additional community needs identified by our team:

1. Support HH by again organizing an annual fundraiser. Our current food drive (partnering with Micha Seto of Blooming Boutique) collects food and delivers it to 3 provider organizations. With COVID, there is concern that people may be hesitant to bring food items to designated stores and therefore do not contribute. Micha has expressed an interest in helping with an alternative that adds collection of dollar contributions or online food purchasing. In addition, we found that Epworth Food Ministry is in need of food drive contributions. (CRC, previous recipient, is not this year.)
2. If above is successful, we may be able to increase to two annual food drives. First step would be to contact Micha Seto to see whether she would sponsor an initial food drive and help us get this started.
3. Cape Henlopen School District Homeless Liaison Office- provide support for immediate needs throughout the school district for homeless students; adopt family Holiday baskets; pack duffle bags for seniors going to college; and address clothing and food needs.
4. Cards and Caring Outreach- This group makes food and care packages to food insecure people as identified through Beebe.
5. St. Vincent de Paul Society has offered resources to call on people who need assistance to help identify their need(s) and work with them to get them assistance.

6. Invite SVdP to a Z Club meeting to explain what they offer and Z Club members identify organizations that may benefit from SVdP help. Once connected these organizations can work directly with SVdP. See how SVdP can train members on when to reach out with needs to them which could be a way they eventually connect into CIP efforts.

7. Boys and Girls Club is very interested in volunteers to work with the children once limitations are lifted. Very interested in talking to Z Club and also in giving us a tour one day once COVID restrictions are lifted.

8. CCC4COVID Initiative Partner: This group works with other agencies within the community to assist in providing support for the Hungry and those experiencing Homelessness (among other things). Z-Club may be able to leverage the work done by this group to determine where our support may be most critical.

9. Epworth Food Ministries - Assist with holiday boxes and cards.

10. Invite Dale Smith, chair of the Family Promise group to a meeting to explain how this organization is proceeding forward with their mission. 4. A longer term goal could be to investigate how we may support Family Promise and it's large scale and large budget initiative.

11. Develop a monthly calendar on our website and in newsletters with our CIP events posted.

12. Z-Club has a number of initiatives that focus on feeding the hungry however, these efforts appears to be somewhat disjointed in that there are multiple groups that provide similar resources and it is not always clear who to speak with to lend support. This observation may present an opportunity to conduct a broad, "mapping effort" to align the resources within Z-Club to more effectively support the community needs.

Examples of a mapping effort may result in the creation of a "Community Food Group" within Z-Club that would support all food

and hunger initiatives. This would include bagged lunches for the American Inn, Lunches for Troop 7, Food requests for Stockings for Soldiers, Food stock for community Pantries, etc. There would be one person to contact within Z-Club if someone wants to purchase food, make lunches, fill backpacks with non perishables, etc.

Another opportunity would be to establish a “tutoring initiative” that seeks to address Lewes/Rehoboth community needs. There are tutoring needs for the girls in the Domestic Violence/Girls' Group Home; tutors for the Boys' and Girls' Club; and tutoring/life skills teaching for some people currently staying at the American Inn. A single group within Z-Club that addresses all tutoring needs would be helpful.

Likewise, there are clothing needs that pop up from time to time. These efforts could be better coordinated and communicated if we were to create a “clothing Czar” within Z-Club.

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Valentine lunches for Sheltering Hearts adult residents: A ham or turkey sandwich, water, an apple, chips, and a valentine cookie. The children also received valentine cookies to go with their special lunch.

Save the Date



GFWC DSFWC 2021 Convention

"Seasons of Change"

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

One-day Only

Wild Quail Country Club
Camden (Dover)

(This is officially the Kent County Convention)
Please note that the date has been changed from that announced previously due to availability of meeting space.

Dear Ladies,

We are hoping to have a great turn out. I think everyone is ready to see old friends and make new ones and there will be plenty of opportunity to do that even in our one-day format. We will observe all covid 19 protocols – masking and social distancing. This one will be different, but it will still be fun and informative, especially for those who have never attended!

Rita Hollada

GFWC DSFWC President

Program Includes: **Annual Awards; Celebration of Life**, honoring all members who have left us between Convention 2019 and May 12, 2021; and **New Member Recognition**, Recognizing new members who joined in 2020 and 2021 since we were unable to hold Membership Luncheons either year.

Raffles and Vendors: Included in the fun will be basket raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and vendors from local shops.

Program Ads Available: ½ page is \$50 and a full page is \$100. These can be ads for businesses or ads to honor your club president, oldest member, special project chairman or anybody else!

The Official Call, Registration Information, and Hotel Information will be issued soon.

This meeting will not require an overnight stay, but we will have hotel rooms available for those who wish to stay on either the 11th or the 12th. With daylight savings time in effect, we will conclude in time for most attendees to drive home in twilight, but if you want a little getaway, a hotel stay may be welcomed.

GFWC Headquarters, Washington, D.C.



During a June 2018 visit to Washington D.C., I spent a lovely afternoon touring GFWC Headquarters, including a peek into the Women's History and Resource Center which collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers.

Named a National Historic Landmark in 1991, GFWC Headquarters is a snapshot in time. Its historic Victorian style has been maintained through generous contributions from members and friends. The beautifully decorated rooms, furniture, and historic collections are certainly worth a visit! Especially during the Holiday Open House when the house is beautifully decorated.



Photo courtesy GFWC

Kathy Cochran



Photo courtesy GFWC

GFWC Headquarters is a National Historic Landmark located at 1734 N Street, NW in Washington D.C. Built in 1875, it had 5 owners before being sold to GFWC in 1922 and becoming GFWC's official headquarters.

Headquarters serves as the working offices for the GFWC International President and staff. It is also the literal home to the GFWC International President during her two-year administration, with residences occupying 1734's upper floors. Headquarters serves as host to events, such as the annual Women's History Month event and Holiday Open House, and the property houses the popular Iron Gate Inn Restaurant.

For more history, go to <https://www.gfwc.org/about/history-and-mission/>



One of the past owners was John and Grace White. Grace, a suffragist, peace activist, and writer, decorated some of the home's furnishings with poetic sentiments. A few of these are now in GFWC's collections, including the music room mantel engraved with the words: *"I can not warm you if your heart be cold."* (Zoom in on photo to see engraving.)

Mr. White's interest in exotic animals and birds is reflected in the painted wall canvasses by noted muralist Albert Herter that are still in the drawing room. (photo below)





Staircase with portrait of GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly





Women's History
and Resource Center





General Federation of Women's Clubs

Founded in 1890, GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a woman's club—Sorositis. In celebration of Sorositis' 21st anniversary in 1889, Jane Croly invited women's clubs throughout the United States to pursue the cause of federation by attending a convention in New York City.

On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs by ratifying the GFWC constitution. Its purpose, to support clubs throughout the nation and further their efforts at providing education, improved working conditions, health care, scholarships, and other reforms. Since 1890, GFWC's impact has been felt throughout communities across the United States and the globe.



Information adapted from GFWC website
Photos by Kathy Cochran except where noted otherwise.