

Woman's League of Mount Holly Newsletter

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President's Message

Doreen Carnvale

Spring has arrived and Easter is just around the corner! Blossoms are beginning to bud and crocuses are showing their beautiful colors.

Members are preparing for a very busy April with the *Garden District Spring Conference/Achievement Day* on April 14 followed by the NJSFWC State Convention on April 24-26 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. At the Garden District Spring Conference/Achievement Day, we will not only hear of other clubs' activities but will also showcase the many talents of several of our own club members who are entering various crafts to be judged. Eleven members will be attending this function.

We have six members who will be attending the State Convention this year. At the Woman of Achievement Awards dinner, Phyllis Worrell, our nominee, will be recognized as one of this year's recipients, as well as cheering our own Jill McDonald as being the MAR Jenny Award winner! She will be heading to the GFWC Convention in New Orleans in June to accept this prestigious award. We are so proud of her accomplishments!

Wishing Everyone a Beautiful Spring and a Happy Easter!

Your Federation Sister,
Doreen

1st Vice President

Carol Ward

Our May program will be a talk on Main Street Mount Holly by Ken Pipes.

2nd Vice President

Joyce Schultz

April 11 General Meeting Hostesses are Jackie Bozarth, Karen Besko, and Joyce Schultz.

Flyers for the June 13, 2022 *Spring Banquet* will be available with dinner selections. \$25 checks payable to WLMH or Venmo.

Treasurer's Notes

After reviewing our balances in our Charity and Raffle accounts and any upcoming expenses, our Board is recommending we make the following charitable donations this year.

We would like our members to review this information and be prepared to vote at our April General Meeting.

- Operation Teddy Bear - \$100
- Burlington County Animal Shelter - \$200 (Walmart Scrip will be purchased)
- Burlington County 4H Leadership Council - \$300
- Female Benevolent Society - \$150
- Extended Hands Ministries - \$200
- Rancocas Nature Center - \$100
- St. Vincent de Paul Society - \$200
- Mount Holly Township Police - \$500
- Eastampton Police - \$100
- Westampton Police - \$100



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- Lumberton Police - \$100
 - Generations Family Success Center - \$100 (Walmart Scrip will be purchased)
- Total donations: \$2,150.00*

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts and Culture - Open Position

Doreen Carnvale reports:

The Garden District Spring Conference/Achievement Day will be on April 14. I am proud to say we have over 20 items that will be entered to be judged from at least seven members. It is always amazing to see the beautiful handiwork displayed by members of the various clubs as well as their baking skills. Wishing everyone Good Luck and hopefully we have some continuing on to the State Convention judging!

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Joelle Wentz, Chairperson

A total of 114 Paracord Bracelets are being mailed to *Operation Gratitude*, and 15 bracelets, along with information, were given to Order of the Purple Heart Post 27, as per their request.

This Chairman responded to Mount Holly Joint Veterans Memorial Committee confirming our participation on May 21, 2022 at 9 AM to help place flags on Veterans' gravesites at Mount Holly cemeteries. We also confirmed our club's participation on May 30, 2022 at 9 AM to donate and place a wreath at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Fred Faber, member Clare Faber's husband, will assist our

President, Doreen Carnvale, in placing the wreath donated by our club. ALL members are invited to participate in both of these activities. Please let Joelle know if you are interested. There will also be sign-up sheets at our April General Meeting.



Thank you to all who donated to the *Ukraine Project*. Pemberton Township High School Student Athletic Training Club, with the assistance of our new member Kathy Fabritz, donated 50 pounds of medical supplies with a beautiful note included in the boxes, along with pictures of the girls in the club. Our club members did a great job participating by donating a total of 147 items and two checks (\$100 and \$50). Items were delivered to member Joan Beach for her neighborhood collection going to Ukraine/Poland. *Thank You, Everyone!*

Member Kim Reeves donated 31 water bottles, 36 tied ditty bags, each consisting of a hat, lotion, band-aids, deodorant, and Chapstick, along with 7 cloth shopping bags containing the same, with specifications to be donated to Veterans Haven. *Thank You, Kim!*

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Mount Holly First Presbyterian Church - Community Luncheon

Jackie Bozarth, Chairperson

The most needed items are as follows:

Spring/summer clothing for men, women & children. Additional items for Men - M, L & XL T-shirts; new M & L boxer briefs underwear and new socks.

Toiletries: Tooth brushes, tooth paste, 3-in-1 body wash, deodorant, shampoo, razors, shaving cream (many items can be purchased at Dollar Tree).

Food: Instant Potatoes, preferred brands are Idaho Spuds and Idahoan Mashed Potatoes. Donations of the items can be made every Monday and Friday at the side handicap door of the church between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Please send donation information to Jackie Bozarth, jjj409@comcast.net. Please keep track and be specific of food items, toiletry items, and list of clothing items (e.g., 2 women's jackets, 3 men's T-shirts, 3 girl's tops, 1 pair men's work boots, 3 12 oz. boxes instant potatoes.)

Education and Libraries - Open

Position; Doreen Carnvale reports:

The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing the applications received and choosing a recipient for our scholarship this year. There are a number of applications to review.

Unfortunately, it does not appear we will have a GCI candidate from a local high school this year. However, our money will be used to provide a scholarship to a deserving girl from an underserved area.

Environment

Arline Dederick, Chairperson

RECYCLE

Terracycle

We are still collecting plastic drinking cups, such as SOLO cups, with the number 6 on the bottom. Please remember to bring them to Arline, either at a meeting or leave them on her porch.

Trex Challenge – Plastic Bags

The President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has asked us to donate a bench to the Center for their guests to sit on while they await receiving their bags of groceries. When many guests are at the Center at any one time, they can be standing for a long while. It would be great to help out the Center with a bench. They have actually asked for two benches, but we can consider a second bench later. Bags are delivered to Arline's porch almost every day, so we will likely have enough for this our fourth bench. The Board has agreed that we can continue collecting plastic bags and getting a fourth bench for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

When delivering plastic bags to Arline's porch, please make sure they are "clean" and identified with a label on the top bag that says CLEAN. A clean bag means no papers, snacks, dirt, or anything inside each and every bag. It also means no address labels, ads, or any extraneous materials on the outside of each and every bag.

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Health and Wellness

Arline Dederick, Chairperson

Exercise/Walking

Prior to the General meeting on April 11, please advise Arline how many miles you walked in March.

Samuel Miller Senior Center

Elaine Hollowell says "Thank you" to all those assisting with the Easter baskets for Samuel Miller residents this year. Many thanks to Joelle, Bette, Irene S., Diana, Irene A., Kathy F., Kathy M., Ginger, and Bonnie for their donations of candy, plastic eggs, towels, and Easter grass. We are still waiting on a few more items as well. The Easter baskets will bring much joy to the residents on this lovely holiday.

Thoughts move ahead to a surprise for them toward the end of May, possibly something with an outdoor or summer theme. If anyone has an idea, please email or call Elaine H.

Soles 4 Souls

Many shoes were collected and brought to Sole 4 Souls in March. A total of 46 pairs were collected in March. These were brought to Soles 4 Souls by Jill and Gil McDonald.

Virtua Health and Rehabilitation Center

Jeanne Wasnesky will be dropping off the April bingo prizes next week, the beginning of April! Also, thanks to the generosity of some of our members, she was able to make up some Easter treat bags for our Bingo Buddies with lots of sweet treats!

APPOINTED COMMITTEES/ SUBCOMMITTEES

Advocates for Children

Carol Ward, Chairperson

We would like to introduce a new project, "Reading to your Baby," suggested by Elaine Eufemia. This project provides new mothers with an opportunity to read to their children, through the generosity of our members who would donate a children's book, appropriate for younger children. These books will be placed in cellophane gift bags, tied with either a blue or pink ribbon; also in the bag, would be a small baby item, such as a bib, socks, rattle, small toy, etc. Many items can be purchased in the now \$1.25 Dollar Tree store. Also added to the bag would be the following:

- *Reading To Your Baby*, a fact sheet for why it is important. These sheets are colorful and have a cute image on it.
- A flyer with suggested baby books for reading to 0-6 months and 6-12 months.
- Lastly, an information card on how to obtain a library card.
- If members can bring books and small gifts to the April and May meetings, Elaine will take them home and assemble the bags. Her neighbor is active with Newborns in Need.
- Elaine will bring a sample to our May meeting.
- FYI...books can be purchased for \$1.00 at many of our county libraries.

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Burlington County Library at Woodlane Road seems to have a large selection and many are in very good condition.

Generations Family Success Center

Thank you for all the Easter candy donated for *Generations Family Success Center*.



Communications/Public Relations

Gerry Horne, Chairperson

Our posts on Facebook continue to bring rewards to the WLMH. Our most recent post about our SOS team had a response from those who suggested new projects and those who wanted to donate material.

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention (Providence House)

Bette Kirby, Chairperson

For the next couple of months, *Providence House* is asking for donations of canned beans, both black and kidney, as well as cans of tuna fish and chicken.

For the counseling center, they are in need of blank journals; these can be purchased at the Dollar Tree. Journals are used for the counseling sessions.

These items can be delivered to Bette at the April club meeting, and she will deliver them.

Over 250 food and snack items, generously donated at the last meeting, were delivered to Providence House.

Fundraising

Carol Ward, Chairperson

- *Scrip* gift card orders will be taken on the day of our General Meeting.
- REMEMBER this date. October 14, 2022—*Designer Bag Bingo and Basket Auction*
 - Donations for our Raffle Auction may be brought to our April and May General Meeting. Gift cards, wine, unused new items are greatly appreciated. Regifting is great.
 - We can make a started basket for any member to fill up. Just let Carol know.
 - Donated items are coming in already, and there will have a *Basket/Bow-Making Workshop* at Carol's home on April 19 at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM.
 - Six designer bags for our Bingo prizes have been purchased and 6 have been donated. All donations for bags are appreciated. Three more bags are still needed.

Membership

Gerry Horne, Chairperson

Thank you to all who have paid their dues so far. This is a reminder that our April 15 deadline is fast approaching, and there are several ways to get your dues in on time. The \$35 fee can be sent to my home, paid at our April 11 meeting by check or cash, or sent to Karen Davis via Venmo. Gerry is

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available to pick them up or you could drop them off at Gerry's or Karen's house. Do not let your membership run out. We are growing. With fresh ideas and new ways to join in to make a difference, we need each and every one of you.

Sewing Group

Our newly formed 'Sisterhood of Sewers' had our first meeting at Doreen's home and with a unanimous vote, we are now the S O S's of Mount Holly. Joining leaders Gerry and Kathy F. were Doreen, Joan, Bette, Nancy, and Bonnie. Three of our ladies could not be there and we missed Ruth, Diana, and Elaine F. We cannot wait to get them caught up as soon as they are available. Every one of us is excited to be able to share our talents with those who can use what we come up with.

We have sewers, pattern cutters, and two of our ladies were promoted to SOS co-coordinators. They do not know how to sew and have a hard time sewing on a button, but they wanted to help. They are going to free up our sewers by helping to find new projects to do, cutting out our patterns from poster board and, so important to keeping us sewing, they will be working together to line up customers for what we create such as family centers and homeless shelters.

We are hoping to keep costs down with your help and we are asking that you check to see if you, your friends, and neighbors have material they want to get rid of. Jill has donated most of the material we are using right now, and we could not have begun this

project without her help. Thanks Jill and Gil for stopping in to wish us luck.



Happy Spring and Happy Easter