

WOMEN'S CLUB OF BRICK

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Summer 2022

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life within our community and transform public interests and concerns into meaningful projects and programs.

Officers Janice Mishkin, President Joan Freeman, Vice President **Cheryl Dyer, Treasurer** Linda Sievers, Secretary

Message from the PresidentWe're starting a new "Club Year" and I look forward to working with our members to plan new projects & especially increase our membership.

Our newly elected State President Shirley Holly's slogan is:

"Love, Loyalty and Friendship: The Bonds of Volunteerism"

Thinking about what the slogan means to me is this:

Love-showing how much we care for those in need.

Loyalty-being loyal to each other and showing this loyalty by supporting the projects of the Federation.

Friendship-working together to make our Club successful once again and making a lasting relationship with those who have the same interests as ourselves.

I recently came across the following <u>Recipe For a Good Club</u>. Mix: 1 inspired President +1 dozen active Committees +1 pinch of Laughter

Blend: 1 cup of Friendliness Sift Old and New Members.

Beat w/ enthusiasm, simmer w/ conversation, garnish w/ service & serve whole community.

Janice Mishkin, President

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April We donated 2 gift baskets to the Jersey Shore Animal Shelter for their Spring 'Fur" Paws gift auction. Our donation helped them to raise over \$20,000. Proceeds of the event will help rescue, care & rehome abused & abandoned animals.



May In honor of Arbor Day we purchased a Weeping Cherry tree and with the assistance of the Brick Public

Works staff, it was planted at Windward Beach. The Park recently underwent much needed improvements which resulted in the removal of several trees. The Township welcomed this donation and





agreed to maintain the tree so it will thrive for years to come.

June We provided three (3) scholarships to female high school students in the amount of \$1,000 each to assist with college expenses. The 2022 recipients were:

- 1) Selene Sacramento O.C. Vocational Technical School
- 2) Shijie Cai Brick Township HS
- 3) Kaitlyn Ryan Brick Memorial HS

We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them the best of luck on their new educational adventure.







We also provided two (2) students with a \$250 stipend each to attend the Girls Career Institute (GCI) at Douglas College/Rutgers campus. They stayed on campus for (3) days for an immersive college experience. The 2022 stipend recipients were:

Giavanna Scott - Brick Memorial HS and Ashley Chandler - Brick Township HS We hope this experience helps them acclimate to and enjoy college life at Rutgers.

Finally, we have been reviewing/improving/updating our internal operations including:

- Obtaining a P.O. Box
- Improving our financial reporting and budgeting systems
- Tracking/documenting achievements via scrapbooks/newsletters/social media
- Attracting new members via Meet & Greets
- Updating our By-Laws
- Improving outreach/marketing
- Creating membership packages and application forms.
- Working to create annual plans and budgets for projects and activities.



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Do you know the history of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)?

- One of the largest and oldest nonpartisan, nonprofit, nondenominational, international women's volunteer service organizations in the world who's mission is to improve communities through volunteer service.
- Has it's Headquarters in Washington D.C with 80,000 members worldwide, (all 50 states & more than a dozen countries)
- Its roots can be traced back to 1868—Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional
 journalist was denied entry to a dinner honoring British novelist Charles Dickens
 hosted by an all male press club. So she created a Women's Club.
- Many other clubs were formed across the country & 21 years later Jane Croly invited women's clubs attend a conference – 63 came.
- The next year (1890) those clubs officially created the GFWC.-132 years ago!

Upcoming Events/Projects

Amazon Smile Foundation

You can support the WCB every time you shop Amazon, at no cost to you. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Women's Club of Brick.

Our AmazonSmile link is http:smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2698060

Please copy the link and share it with your friends and family. This is a great way to make donations without any out-of-pocket expense on your part. The more you shop AmazonSmile, the more is donated – a win-win for both of us. On a quarterly basis the foundation will automatically deposit donations into our checking account. Please note that all the donations received will be used to support the WCB's charitable efforts directly benefitting those in need.

Meals on Wheels

The WCB will be providing placemats (some hand-made, some purchased) to approximately 130 recipients of Meals-On-Wheels in Brick. These primarily homebound seniors are many times over-looked and often lack family support. We want them to know that the WCB cares about them and wants to brighten their day by providing a cheerful placemat on which they can enjoy their meal. The placemats will be delivered to recipients on behalf of the WCB by the regular Meals-on-Wheels drivers.

Secret Gardens Event

The WCB will be participating in the Brick Garden Club's Annual Secret Gardens of Brick event being held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, from 10am to 3pm at the Robert Anstett Cultural Center located at 515 Herbertsville Rd, Brick. This event includes light refreshments, gift raffles, plant sales, art displays, crafters, vendors, non-profit tables/displays and music. Something for everyone.

Please stop by our table and shop our hand-crafted items, find out what we do for the Brick Township residents, and how you can join and/or support our continuing community efforts. All our proceeds will support our student scholarship fund.

Operation Holiday Stocking

The WCB will be supporting the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) Operation Holiday Stocking project which supports our U.S. Military Forces by organizing and collecting supplies and goodies to send to our troops serving overseas (Middle East, including Iraq and Afghanistan). The stockings will be filled with about \$25.00 worth of toiletries, supplies, and snacks. The WCB will be sending monetary donations to NJSFWC towards this project. If interested in supporting this effort, please send a check to the Women's Club of Brick and earmark it in the memo section "Operation Holiday Stocking". Checks should be mailed to us at: WCB P.O. Box 4288, Brick, NJ 08723 and received by October 3, 2022. Any amount is appreciated!

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