

Quarterly Newsletter

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF BRICK TOWNSHIP

PROUD MEMBERS OF THE SHORE
DISTRICT OF THE NJSFWC & GFWC

September 2024



Our mission is to enhance the quality of life within our community and transform public interests and concerns into meaningful projects and programs. Our motto is: "Happiness is Giving of Yourself"

Updates and Previews!

How is it possible that it's September already? The WC of Brick has been very busy over the past few months and we're excited about what we've accomplished and about what we have planned. Here's a quick run down of what's been happening:

In June, we awarded three college scholarships to extremely deserving young women and paid the expenses for two rising seniors to attend Girls' Career Institute at Douglass College, Rutgers University.

We donated another Weeping Cherry Tree to Brick Township and it is planted at Windward Beach Park. This is our third annual donation.

Our membership committee sponsored a very fun 50's themed Bunco Night! There were lots of great prizes and a good time was had by all.

Our members generously donated school supplies for

students in need. We filled 10 backpacks to the brim and donated them to Anchor Family Success Center in Brick. This group will provide the WC with more information about the services that they provide at our October meeting.

Our environmental committee arranged for an extremely informative presentation on recycling at our August meeting and a presentation on native plants from a master gardener at our September meeting.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our charity relies on the kindness and support of our community.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

*Cheryl Dyer,
President*

Read on to learn about:

Upcoming Events

Support for the Military

Summer Fun and Service

2024-2026 Officers

Cheryl Dyer,
President
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Secretary
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Upcoming Events: September, October, and November



Food Drive

We will be holding a food drive throughout the month of September to coordinate with the General Federation of Women's Clubs National Day of Service on **September 28th**. The focus this year is on food insecurity. Ocean First Bank in Brick (two locations) has boxes ready for you! Stop in when you're banking and help fill them!

On September 27th, we will have a table outside of Livoti's in the Laurel Square Shopping Center. On September 28th, we will have a table outside of Sweet Green Market on Chambers Bridge Rd. Stop by between 10:00-3:00 and we'll happily accept your donation. All of the food collected during the month of September will be donated to Seeds of Service Food Pantry.



Brick Craft Fair

Our talented members have been knitting, crocheting, making jewelry, wreaths, and baskets! Most items are one of a kind! The Craft Fair is on Saturday, **October 5th** (rain date October 6th) at Windward Beach Park. This is a great event and all proceeds help to fund our community service work. Items are made and donated to the club by club members.

Boscov's Shopping

For a \$5.00 donation to the WC we will give you a shopping pass that is worth up to 25% off in store and online at Boscov's on **October 22nd**! Shopping passes will be available at the Craft Fair.



Recycle Days!

It's time to clean out those closets! Used but still usable items will be collected during the month of November. Watch our Facebook page for the exact location where you will be able to drop off your shoes, sneakers, handbags, clothes, belts, jewelry, stuffed animals and linens. The anticipated dates are **November 8th through the 11th**.

Holiday Luncheon

The annual holiday luncheon for members will be on **December 17th** at 12:30 pm at Scarborough Fair Restaurant in Sea Girt, NJ.



Operation Holiday Stocking and Wreaths Across America



Our club is extremely proud of the work that we do to support our men and women in the military and the ways in which we honor our veterans and those who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom. This year, we will be filling 25 stockings with toiletries, necessities, and treats. The stockings will be sent through two organizations that ship them overseas to military men and women serving there.

- "Operation Yellow Ribbon," consists of all volunteers, and they show support for our United States Military Forces serving in the Middle East, including Iraq and Afghanistan. One of Operation Yellow Ribbon's major focuses is organizing and collecting donated U.S. Troop supplies and goodies to send to our brave Heroes deployed in harm's way in the Middle East.
- "Operation Jersey Cares" is comprised of Veterans and Proud Americans. It aims to honor those men and women who provide us the blanket of freedom we all sleep so soundly under. OJC will continue to support those who are currently deployed, proud veterans, as well as our loyal military families. One of their projects is to organize and send care packages to troops serving overseas.

Last year, we 'adopted' the Kettle Creek Cemetery and placed wreaths on the graves of veterans. This year, we will continue that practice on December 14th, which is the day designated as Wreaths Across America Day. Please check our Facebook and Instagram for more information regarding the time of the ceremony on that day. We welcome donations towards the cost of wreaths. If you would like to sponsor a wreath please send a check for \$17.00 to Women's Club of Brick and note "Wreaths Across America" in the memo. Checks should be sent to WC of Brick, PO Box 4288, Brick, NJ 08723

The Holiday 50/50 is back! Tickets are on sale now for \$20.00 and will be sold through mid-December. A maximum of 350 tickets will be sold. Last year, the lucky winner received \$2,100.00! This year it could be you! The drawing will be on December 15th (Sunday) during our Cookies and Crafts with Santa event. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund!





What did you do this summer?

We had a fun night learning how to play **Bunco!** This was an event sponsored by our membership committee and held at Town Square of the Jersey Shore. We also worked with the members of Town Square to put together our favors for the evening.

Our Arts and Culture committee held a **fabric basket** making workshop to teach interested members this craft. Some of our baskets will be available for purchase at the craft fair.

The Environmental committee held another **sneaker recycling** drive and we sent 136 pairs of sneakers to be recycled.

We **socialized!** The membership committee also sponsored a summer social where members had an opportunity to share lunch, relax and enjoy one another's company.

We **donated** school supplies for the start of back to school to students in Brick through Anchor Family Success.

We **planned!** The Women's Club of Brick has a lot going on these days and it takes time to plan it all out!

September 9th- Meeting

September- 24th- trip to PNC arts center for the ABBA Tribute concert

September 27th and 28th- food drive

October 5th- Craft Fair

October 7th- Meeting and Operation Holiday Stocking Stuffing

October 13th- 22nd- Boscov's Fundraising

October 19th- Beach Sweep at Windward Beach

November 4- Meeting

November 7-11- Recycling

November 19th- Jersey Shore Paint Party event at River Rock Restaurant

December 2- Meeting

December 14th- Wreaths Across America

December 15th- Cookies and Crafts with Santa and Holiday 50/50 Raffle

December 17th- Holiday Luncheon at Scarborough Fair.

Thank you for reading- visit our website to join!

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