



The Club

May 2021



A Message From Our President

During the month of April several members attended the District Spring Conference and the NJSFWC Convention, both via Zoom.

In the April Newsletter I noted most of the projects and successful fundraising efforts which our club accomplished during 2020 and you recall hearing about the annual reporting process to submit those projects to the NJSFWC headquarters. Susan Kleczynski and her committee spent many hours in December and January compiling the data and organizing the projects into categories as designated by NJSFWC. Well, all that hard work paid off! At the District Spring Conference on April 14th, our Club received District Awards and acknowledgement of our work in eight of the 15 categories. To further explain, there are 25 clubs in the Highlands District which are designated into groups according to membership, ei, 4 – 25 members, 26 – 60 members, over 61. Our club of 51 members is grouped in the second group. Category awards are given to one club in each group. Here are the awards we received with a few examples of projects in each category:

Education and Libraries – *Scholarships, Book Collection for Appalachian Prisons*

Environment – *Soles4Souls Shoe Collection, Recycling inkjet/toner cartridges*

Advocates for Children – *Wish Trees, Back to School Supplies, Birthday Bags and Knitted Hats for Children,*

Calendar of Events

- **May 6th** – Thursday 12:00 Noon Gardner Field
Denville National Day of Prayer (Lower Pavilion)
- **May 10th** - Monday 6:30 PM
Zoom May Woman's Club Meeting
- **May 20th** - Thursday 2:00 PM
Lin's Day Book Club Meeting on Lin's Deck
Contact Lin Zrike - info page 6 and 23
- **May 24th** - Monday 7:00 PM
Ann's Zoom Eve Book Club Meeting
Contact Ann W. info page 6 and page 23
- **June 22nd-26th** -Tuesday to Saturday
Gold and Silver Jewelry Buy Back Event
@ Bioria Jewelers in Denville
- **August 18th** – Wednesday (Lobster Shanty)
Summer Luncheon and Basket Auction
Benefit for NJSFWC Headquarters
- **August 29th** – Sunday 2-4 PM
Garden Tea Party Fundraiser-Lin Zrike's House
- **Sept. 18th- 25th** -Saturday to Saturday
2nd Annual Walk-a-Thon



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A Message From Our President-Continued

Fundraising – *Walk-the Walk, Gold & Silver Jewelry Buy Back, Kickboxing, Outdoor Yoga, Hikes Tricky Tray, Bakers Perfection Pies.*

Leadership – *Members attending District and NJSFWC meetings, and serving in NJSFWC Board positions, Leadership Program with Past GFWC International President.*

Legislation/Resolution - *Advocating for Federal Legislative Bills by contacting NJ Congressional Representatives.*

Membership - *Social gatherings via Zoom, Member recognition for years of service and Honors Book.*

Women's History – *Articles and video recordings of Club Celebration of 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment Ceremony on YouTube, local news publications and club newsletters.*

Then at the NJSFWC Convention on April 26 and 27th where clubs from all NJ Districts are represented, our Club also received awards for Best Work Community Service Programs: 1st place for Fundraising, 2nd place for Leadership, 2nd place for Legislation/ Resolution, and 3rd place for Women's History. Val Kenny received a Gold Award for her photograph of Kilavea Lighthouse.

We all can be very proud of our Club and its many accomplishments in attaining our mission to support organizations and individuals in need in our communities especially during the extraordinary year of 2020.

We look forward to another busy year with new projects and service programs where we can all work together to make a difference but in 2021 we will also look forward to gathering together and socializing in person.

Yours in federation friendship,
Janet

Our Woman's Club Fundraising Committee Have Planned Fundraisers

See page 25

Donation to "I Support the Girls"



The following was posted on Facebook tonight April 29 by
I Support the Girls - Central/North New Jersey.

*"Thank you to GFWC Woman's Club of Denville/Rockaway,
Kate P. and everyone who shopped our Amazon Wish List.*

Our supporters are the best!

Janet Walker



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Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Ladies, if you've got half-used cans of paint, aerosol cans you want out of your garage, now's the time to plan on saying, "Good riddance!"

MCMUA's Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Dates Set; May 22 is First Event

COVID-19 Guidelines Require Face Coverings, All Materials in the Trunk

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will hold four Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days in 2021 for residents, with the first opportunity on May 22.

Acceptable materials include pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, oil-based paints, stains, paint thinners and removers, solvents, automotive fluids, lead acid and rechargeable batteries, pool chemicals, and darkroom chemicals.

Also accepted are aerosol cans (not empty), propane cylinders, small quantities of asbestos (wetted, double bagged and sealed with duct tape to a 100 pound limit), driveway sealant, roofing tar, fluorescent bulbs, PCB-ballasts, mercury thermometers and switches, household cleaning products, muriatic acid.

Latex paint is NOT accepted because it is not considered hazardous. Latex paint should be dried out and disposed of in the trash.

Explosive or highly reactive materials, such as picric acid or nitro compounds, **will not be accepted**.

Drop off events are scheduled for:

- **Saturday, May 22**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Morris County Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Ave., Parsippany
- Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
- Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
- Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Chatham High School 255 Lafayette Ave., Chatham

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, MCMUA is requesting that patrons **store all materials in the trunk**, cargo area, or bed of the vehicle for easy access by the MUA's contractor, whose team will remove it from the vehicle. All participants dropping off household hazardous materials must **wear face coverings**, keep their vehicle windows closed, and **stay in their vehicles** for the duration of the event.

Please plan your visit accordingly. *Janice Blinder* *Thank you Janice. Very important info. Ruth G.*



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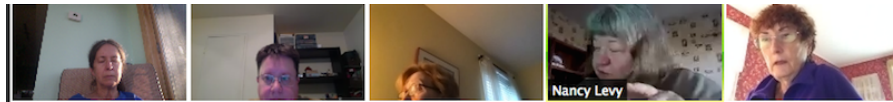


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April Events

April 6th Tuesday -Zoom Technology Workshop-Browsers by Val. K.



Val Kenny gave her last of 5 Zoom technology workshops, this one on web browsers and Microsoft Word, to benefit Operation Chillout and those who participated. Val pointed out the different browsers and what options they offered, especially Google Chrome. Most impressive was how successful a fundraiser this was for our State Project, raising \$400 for Operation Chillout. Some of this money has already been used to purchase gift cards for fast food restaurants and convenience stores. Those cards will be given out to the homeless for them to purchase food and other necessary items. If you are interested in Val offering other technology workshops, please contact her at vkenny16@aol.com.

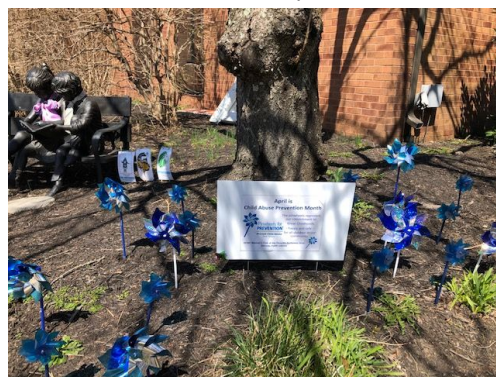


Ruth Gimbel Thank you Val. Great job

April 12th - Monday- 6:30 PM - Woman's Club Zoom Meeting



Our President Janet W., following Patti Manton's reciting of the Collect, led us, thru a myriad of Fundraisers and collections, accomplished and planned. Janet started with suggesting we visit the libraries, Denville, Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township to view our outdoor display of blue pinwheels, commemorating April- Child Abuse Awareness Month, (thanks to Ann Weissenburger. Mary McAleer and Barbara McCloskey) Patti pointed out at Boonton Salon's planter adorned our pinwheels.



Karen Lazur proceeded with her very well laid out Treasury Report showing how well our members succeeded in their thought out fundraisers during this challenging time. With Karen's suggestion and our vote, certain other organizations will now become recipients of our allocations, like I Support the Girls, an organization that supplies women and girls (homeless or low income) with feminine hygiene supplies.



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April Events Continued

April 12th - Monday- 6:30 PM - Woman's Club Zoom Meeting Continued

Our secretary Louise Sassano informed us we received a receipt acknowledging our donation to the Heart Association in memory of Bruce Blinder, beloved husband of Janice Blinder. Steve Dublanica also sent a thank you note for our \$100 donation to Denville Social Services for purchase of items for children for Easter.

Susan Kleczynski. and Barbara McCloskey spoke once again of the importance of Project Reports, allowing NJFWC to tally up all the hours and funds of Women's Clubs, throughout the state, succeeded to accumulate. But, it was noted, these Project Reports, from our club, is a good means of keeping record of our accumulative efforts, as well.

Among the innovative and successful fundraisers and collections mentioned at our April Woman's Club meeting, our members include; JBWS purses, Roseanne Jones' Terri Lynn orders, Books for Babies Collection (organized by Susan Kleczynski and Ann Weissenburger.), Roots and Wings Collection and Val Kenny's amazing Technology Workshops (accumulating a lot of funds for our state project, Operation Chillout, as well as making us ladies more technologically savvy-chuckle).

Our club also discussed the continued allocation of Scholarships at the Denville/ Rockaway High Schools and Middle Schools for chosen recipients.

Janet Walker mentioned that she sent a check, from our funds, to NJFWC to place Maureen Curtis' name in the NJFWC Memorial Book.

Janet Walker also, with our vote, decided to move our Zoom subscription to an annual one, seeing Zoom serving our purpose, further, in the coming year.

Susan Richardson gave us a beautiful history of the Joey Bella Memorial Fund, set up by the Bella family and their Church, in memory of their beloved young son, Joey Bella. This nonprofit organization supports other families going through the financial and emotional strains of loved ones facing terminal and chronic illnesses. Susan expressed appreciation for our members who have contributed, so much, already to this organization, through their assisting in Tricky Tray and Beef Steak Dinner, Joey Bella Memorial Fund's biggest fundraisers. And she hopes our members will continue their efforts in helping out the organization with these events. This year these events, in person, are postponed to September, in lieu of the Covid19 Pandemic. Last year these July events, in person were cancelled

Our next zoom will take place on May 10th Monday (same time, same place) Zoom 6:30 PM sign in. Our zoom meeting has once again been a meeting of looking back as well as looking forward on our accomplishments as well as enjoying our camaraderie, during this COVID19 time. We thank Susan K for her ongoing organizing of our zoom meetings. Below is the link of recorded video of our April Zoom Meeting available to next meeting.

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April Events continued

April 14th – Wednesday -Highlands District Spring Conference



Once again, Nancy Levy, as VP of Highlands District, led a great Highlands District Zoom Meeting.

(Still Zoom-thank heavens for Zoom) Spring Conference.

Barbara McCloskey was asked, by

Shirley Holly, to deliver the awards to the different clubs of the Highlands District earned this year.

Our GFWC Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway earned quite a number of awards, which Janet Walker has included in her President's Message.

April 15th – Thursday-2:00 PM -Lin Zrike's Day Book Club

Lin Zrike's Book Club meeting was on Lin's deck, discussing the book "Jimmy the Kid" by Donald E. Westlake

Lin's next Day Book Club Discussion is Thursday May 20th at 2:00 PM on Lin's deck/

The book to be discussed is "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

April 26th – Monday- 7:00 PM- Ann Weissenburger's Eve Book Club



Once again Ann Weissenburger led a great book discussion on the book, "The Life We Bury" by Allen Esken. And once again we enjoyed the camaraderie, thankful for virtual technologies like Zoom. ____ Thank you to Susan K. for arranging the zoom, again and thank you Ann for leading a great book discussion, again. This time Ann made sure we all participated using her Librarian/ English Teacher's skills.

Ann's next Zoom Eve Book Club Discussion is Monday May 24th at 7:00 PM

The book to be discussed is "Friends and Strangers" by J. Courtney Sullivan

The Month of April –Books for Babies Collection at Randolph YMCA

In an effort to introduce the magic and wonder of reading to children, who otherwise could not afford books of their own, our club is sponsoring a Books For Babies Project.

During the month of April a collection box was set up at the Randolph YMCA and we collected almost 2 dozen baby books. In addition we have also received donations from club members and others.

During the month of May there will be collection boxes set up at the Denville and Rockaway (Boro and Township) Libraries.

The books will be donated to the following local non-profits: Casa of NJ, North Porch-Women & Infant Center of Dover, Zufall Health Center, Prevent Child Abuse in NJ. (See page 19) Susan K.



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April 19th - Monday -Our Woman's Club April Speaker- AARP



A very informative presentation was given to us by speaker Rich Sodon, (AARP Volunteer of Fraud Watch Network) who informed us that any of us, no matter what background we have, could be targeted victims of scammers. Scammers, today, have perfected their techniques in scamming, using via email, text, telephone and other means. The scammers aim for the emotional level of their targeted victims, using fear and intimidation.

Scammers accomplish their scams through

Investment fraud, lottery scam, fraudulent tech support or false claims such as grandchild in danger. The scammers hide behind credible sources using actual reputable companies like Amazon. Once again thank you to Susan Kleczynski for organizing this Zoom Presentation.

Below is the link that was created from Susan's recording of this meeting. This link will be able to be accessed up until our next meeting, May 10th.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/bT8bEHUC0j13VaYu1Hg_oEuyEwo_DO02YXZZXREi40jXL5ZAKY7mRPHrzFiVJuwB.EJoCwExV72O6RrzQ

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April 21st – Assembling of Purses for JBWS.



With the supplies the club ladies donated, we put together 27 purses, filled with socks, a note pad, pen, nail file, mask, tissues, hand sanitizer and lotion and chap stick.

We added a notecard with a personal message and tied a personalized business card to the outside with our club name on it.

All will be transported to JBWS for the women who live there.

A great project, supported by many! *Barbara McCloskey*

(L-r Sheela M., Susan W., Ann W., Barbara M. and Mary M).



Here are names of ladies who participated, either with donations or assembling the purses.

Mary McAleer, Pat Bomus, Kathy Holland, Nancy Levy, Phyllis Duddy, Ellen Duffin, Eva Cervenka, Kathy Elko, Janet Ball, Susan Wiedesack, Sheila McGlone, Ruth Gimbel, Janet Walker

(from left clockwise-Barbara M., Susan W., Mary M., Ann W., Sheela M. & Kathy E.)

Thank you to Susan W. for offering her home.



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The 127th Annual Convention of NJFWC



Day 1 - April 26th - Monday (3) Workshops

Three wonderful Presentations were presented on the first day of NJFWC Annual Convention, widening members' knowledge on Sustainability, Rescuing Sea Mammals and Historical Achievements of our New Jersey Women's Clubs (NJFWC)

Jan Hanson, President of the NJFWC, introduced the speakers of the first two Workshops and Susan Fosdick introduced the speaker for the last Workshop. Jan Hanson gave credit for the Workshops to

Mary Wolfe, who organized these Workshops for last year's NJFWC Annual Convention, with her Committee.

Rain Gardens Workshop #1

Consisted of two parts. The first part of Workshop was presented by Jennifer Coffey – Executive Director of



<https://anjec.org/> tel:(973) 539-7547

Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission



ANJEC, a non-profit organization, helps New Jersey environmental commissions, individuals, local and state agencies preserve natural resources and promote sustainable communities.

Jennifer Coffey spoke of the initiatives ANJEC is evolved including

- 1 Supporting Open Space by purchasing land.
- 2 Advancing Environmental Justice for OBD (Over Burden Communities)
- 3 Protection, Preservation and Policy – Community Engagement-local Action.
- 4 Installing Green Infrastructure in Communities (such as Rain Gardens discussed shortly)
- 5 Movement – NJ No Plastics. One of our biggest concerns in our nation is the use of single use plastics. Recycling does not help; a lot of the labeled plastics are not recyclable and end in landfills. ANJEC continues pushing legislation to stem the use of single use plastics in New Jersey, the most densely populated state. The production of plastics is environmentally destructive, as well, as the use of the single use plastics.
6. Keeping our waterways unpolluted This last initiative led into the second part of the Workshop



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The 127th Annual Convention of NJSFWC- Continued

Rain Gardens Workshop #1 Part 2. Day 1 April 26th Monday



Speaker Dr. Chris Obropta's presentation explained his work with Rutgers University, their promotion of Rain Gardens, a prevention of misguided rainwater runoff, leading into our water system. I was impressed on the esthetics of this Green Infrastructure promoted in our different New Jersey communities by Chris Obropta and Rutgers Univ. (Rutgers Cooperative Water Resource Program). On the website, www.water.rutgers.edu, one, among many offers, is a free download of Rainwater Garden Manual, showing installation and maintenance. These rainwater gardens, among a show of

beautiful flowers and plants, can be a garden that attracts honeybees and monarch butterflies, 2 endangered species. Also recycled material can be used to create seating areas and walking paths within these Rainwater Gardens. Both Jennifer Coffey and Dr. Chris Obropta offered further assistance and answering of questions by contacting their websites and emails.

The History of the Palisades Workshop #2 Day 1 April 26th Monday



informative website: <https://njpalisades.org/>

Pres. Jan Hanson introduced speaker Eric Nelsen (Palisade Park Commission) who gave an amazing presentation on the Preservation of the Palisades due to the persistence of the GFWC New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The New Jersey Woman's Clubs, back in the early 1900's rallied to preserve the Palisades against the stripping by the Quarrying Corporation, arguing there must be preservations of this 12 mile stretch along the Hudson River, shared by both New York and New Jersey, for the sake of scenery and history. The Palisades border on the Hudson River, a very strategic river for the Continental Army to defend against the British, during the Revolutionary War. Also, the Palisades would serve, preserved in it natural



scenic state, as the lungs for the inner cities of New York and New Jersey. Theodore Roosevelt was governor of New York, at the time, a great supporter of Preservation. The Women's Clubs of New Jersey saw it an opportune time to push the then NJ Governor Foster Voorhees and NJ Legislature to past legislation (mind you before Women had the right to vote) to join the Interstate Park Commission. Governor Roosevelt, at the same time, through legislation, got NY to create this Commission. This commission went ahead to buy all the land along the 12-mile stretch of the Palisades. The dedication of this Interstate Park, of the Palisades took place on 1909 on the 300th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's sailing up the

Hudson River. 20 years later the Monument, dedicated to the NJ Woman's Club, was erected in the Palisades Parks, acknowledging their campaign to preserve the natural beauties of the Park for generations to come.

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NJSFWC Cont.- Marine Mammal Stranding Center- Workshop #3- April 26th Monday

Susan Fosdick introduced the speaker and founder, Sheila Dean of this nonprofit organization



website- <https://mmsc.org/>

Sean Mammals Stranding Center. SSMC's mission is to save Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles all along the New Jersey Coast. Marine Mammal Stranding Center was started in 1978 by Robert Schoelkopt and Sheila Dean, their mission to save this wildlife. Sheila Dean introduced us to the array of sea mammals and sea turtles found along the New Jersey coast.

Marine Mammals Stranding Center's (MMSC) aim is to rescue and release these sea mammals and sea turtles back into Atlantic ocean with the help of their 10 employees and over 300 volunteers. Their facilities, on Brigantine Island, north of Atlantic city, has the necessary spaces to rehabilitate the animals, if on rescue these animals are not able to be returned to the sea right away. There are several reasons these sea mammals need rescue including injury, fatigue, and sickness. Sadly a lot of these mammals are victims of the plastics we discard including bunches of helium balloons set off into the air as well as uncut plastic rings of six packs and plastic bags. Sea turtle, feeding on jellyfish, by mistake ingest plastic bags, which inflate in their systems not allowing them to descend under water, causing them to become victims of boat propeller collisions. Also sea mammals are migrating further north as seawaters are warming until there is a sudden freeze sending these animals into hypothermia.

Sheila explained further MMSC receives the calls to rescue marine animals from the public as well as from the police. A volunteer goes to the sight to access the situation and cooperate with the coast guard before actually a group, from MMSC, goes out either with any of their trucks or boats for the rescue.

Check out SSMC Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/njmarinemammal/>

NJSFWC Annual Convention-Day 2 - April 27th - Tuesday (3)Workshops

Opening Ceremony and Business Workshop #1

Following the Color Guard (from Barnegat High School ROTC) Opening Ceremony, Pledge & Anthem, 2nd President of GFWC Wendy Gariiker addressed Convention adding thought, "Focus on what can be done and not on what can't be done" Jan Hansen presented a slide Presentation of Past NJSFWC Presidents and their themes. Jan Hanson proceeded with an update of events of last year, though largely virtual still a very productive year such as State Project Operation Chillout. Jan Hanson congratulated the NJSFWC Vice Presidents, including our 2nd VP Barbara McCloskey, on the submission of their Project Reports, enabling NJSFWC to tally up total projects, funds and hours by all out NJ Women's Clubs. Shirley Holley congratulated NJSFWC President Jan Hanson on her first productive, largely virtual challenging COVID19 year as President. Our NJSFWC VP Barbara McCloskey presided over the presenting of the NJSFWC Awards.

GFWC Chair Vivian Flynn then presented the Proposed Amendments to the NJSFWC to be voted on. With no debate all delegates were presented with an electronic ballot to vote for all the Amendments to the by laws. 100 percent voted to pass all the Amendments to the Bylaws. Barbara McCloskey resumed presiding over of the presentation of the awards. Our Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway managed to receive two NJSFWC Awards then (Our Pres. Janet mentioning all our awards in her President's Message)

I thank Janet Walker for suggesting I become a delegate. Janet delivered to me the 12 pages brochure of the Amendments to the Bylaws as well as Resolutions (legislation the NJSFWC urges Gov. Murphy and NJ Legislatures to pass). This is an education for me as well as an appreciation what goes into our Women's clubs individually as well as State wide. Ruth Gimbel

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Leadership Workshop#2 Day 2

Shirley Holley led the workshop outlining the many qualities of good leadership including; 1. Commitment
2. Respect for other members of your club

3. Vision of where to take the club 4. Bringing the club together for common goal.

Susan Chamber VP GFWC brought out that positive qualities, in a club, are

Trust, Respect, Mutual Understanding, Team Work, Maintaining Membership.

Without membership there is no need for leadership.

Without a leader there is no focus for the club.

Suggestions for increasing membership included recruiting spouses and significant others of members.

The session was then opened to the Presidents, other officials and members to ask questions or to share their ideas. Our President Janet shared how she felt Zoom has benefited our club, proceeding to use it for Board Meetings and Evening Meetings. Our District VP Nancy Levy suggested, in the transfer of power of Leadership in a club, to have a prepared manual, which she created in the transfer of her leadership, in our club, to another member. Nancy Levy also suggested revisions in Bylaws to change practices in one's clubs practices like the number of Board Meetings a year. Our VP NJSFWC Barbara McCloskey suggested to all to seek a District and State positions in the GFWC.

Susan Chambers ended the meeting with a hope we, the clubs, will be able to meet soon in person with this week's CDC revised guidelines.

Business Workshop#3 and Conclusion Day 2- April 27th Tuesday

The last Workshop of the NJSFWC held a beautiful Memoriam to all GFWC officials, who passed in the past year, at the Community, District and State level, each woman receiving a tribute from a friend/colleague.

The workshop proceeded with Awards, Resolutions and Keynote speaker. The Keynote speaker, Wendy Carriker's theme was what does GFWC mean to you. In a humorous tone Wendy Carriker claimed GFWC stood for

"Gorgeous Girls Working in Collaboration" or "Good Friends With Chocolate". But honestly I feel what Wendy Carriker wanted to convey was the importance of clubs having sociable gatherings to bring members closer together, for the club to be able to carry out it's goals. Wendy Carriker ended her keynote speech with the following quote from Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"Fight for the cause you feel most strongly for. But do it in the way others follow."

Our 2nd NJSFWC 2nd VP Barbara McCloskey presided over the two Awards session where our club managed to receive a few more awards, which our President Janet Walker mentioned in her Presidential Message.

Finally Chairwoman Vivian Flynn presented the Resolutions to be voted on.

Vivian Flynn read through the 6 Resolutions proposed by NJSFWC without any one of them contested. All delegates were sent one electronic ballot to vote on for all Resolutions presented.

Once again, 100 percent voted yes for all Resolutions to pass. (Two thirds needed to pass) *Ruth G.*

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8 Things You May Not Know About Memorial Day

by Barbara Maranzani



Excerpts from the article from the History Channel

<https://www.history.com/news/8-things-you-may-not-know-about-memorial-day>

As the Civil War neared its end, thousands of Union soldiers, held as prisoners of war, were herded into a series of hastily assembled camps in Charleston, South Carolina. Conditions at one camp, a former racetrack near the city's Citadel, were so bad that more than 250

prisoners died from disease or exposure, and were buried in a mass grave behind the track's grandstand

- Three weeks after the Confederate surrender, an unusual procession entered the former camp: On May 1, 1865, more than **1,000 recently freed slaves**, (Making the earliest commemoration organized by recently freed slaves) accompanied by regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops (including the Massachusetts 54th Infantry) and a handful of white Charlestonians, gathered in the camp to consecrate a new, proper burial site for the Union dead. The group sang hymns, gave readings and distributed flowers around the cemetery, which they dedicated to the "Martyrs of the Race Course."
- In May 1868, **General John A. Logan**, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the recently ended Civil War. On Decoration Day, as Logan dubbed it, Americans should lay flowers and decorate the graves of the war dead "whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."
- Americans embraced the notion of "Decoration Day" immediately. That first year, more than 27 states held some sort of ceremony, with more than 5,000 people in attendance at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. By 1890, every former state of the Union had adopted it as an official holiday. But for more than 50 years, the holiday was used to commemorate those killed just in the Civil War, not in any other American conflict. It wasn't until America's entry into World War I that the tradition was expanded to include those killed in all wars, and Memorial Day was not officially recognized nationwide until the 1970s, with America deeply embroiled in the Vietnam War.

Although the term Memorial Day was used beginning in the 1880s, the holiday was officially known as Decoration Day for more than a century, when it was changed, by federal law. Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 finally went into effect, moving Memorial Day from its traditional observance on May 30 (regardless of the day of the week), to a set day—the last Monday in May. The move has not been without controversy, though. Veterans groups, concerned that more Americans associate the holiday with first long weekend of the summer and not its intended purpose to honor the nation's war dead, continue to lobby for a return to the May 30 observances.



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May is

American Wetlands Month



<https://www.powwww.org/>

Don't forget our local homegrown Denville Non-profit conservation organization that strives to protect our wetlands as well as woods and water through acquisitions of natural properties and education of the public.

Check POWWW facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectOurWetlandsWaterWoods> for upcoming events. Dave Blinder, Janice Blinder's son, gave a wonderful presentation, to our Woman's Club, on POWWW.



"May is American Wetlands Month" excerpts from

<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/may-american-wetlands-month>

American Wetlands Month is a time when the EPA and our partner federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit and private sector organizations celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to our Nation's ecological, economic, and social health. Wetlands help improve water quality and supply, reduce flooding and provide critical habitat for plants, fish and wildlife. **American Wetlands Month** was created in 1991 by EPA and its federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, and private sector partners to celebrate the vital importance of **wetlands** to the Nation's ecological, economic, and social health and to educate Americans about the value of wetlands as a natural resource

What Are the Everglades <https://www.google.com/search?q=Everglades.+wetlands&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-us&client=safari> Everglades National Park is a 1.5-million-acre wetlands

preserve on the southern tip of the U.S. state of Florida. Often compared to a grassy, slow-moving river, the Everglades is made up of coastal mangroves, Sawgrass marshes and Pine Flatwoods that are home to hundreds of animal species. Among the Everglades' abundant wildlife are the endangered leatherback turtle, Florida panther and West Indian manatee.

National Park Service on the Everglades excerpt

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/historyculture/people.htm> Native Americans and later on Anglo-American settlers known as "Gladesmen" traversed the wild landscape and came to rely on its abundant natural resources, and explore its mysteries. Developers would make their mark on the land in a different way, by seeking to alter the wetland landscape by draining the land and building roads and canals. In response to the rapid alterations, which were affecting the Everglades, Conservation groups like the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs pioneered efforts to reclaim and save the "River of Grass" from further development.



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[May is American Wetlands Month- Continued](#) excerpt from

[Celebrating GFWC Florida's 100 Year History with Royal Palm State Park](#)

December 1, 2016 GFWC Newsletter <https://www.gfwc.org/news/celebrating-gfwc-floridas-100-year-history-royal-palm-state-park/>



The lands, which would become Royal Palm State Park, were first studied by scientists in the late 19th century and revered for their “botanical diversity and spectacular hammock amongst the glades”. Unfortunately, scientists were not the only ones taking an interest in the area. Railroad magnate, Henry Flagler, purchased the land with an eye to building a railroad throughout eastern Florida. The scientific community reacted by calling for the land to be set aside as a state park.

(From South Dade Women's Club Newsletter “A group of women, who did not yet have the right to vote created Florida's first state park at Paradise Key - Royal Palm Hammock on 1916”.)

The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, particularly **Florida Federation State President May Mann Jennings (1914-1916)**, took up the cause to preserve this land. May Mann Jennings persuaded the Florida Legislature to deed 960 acres to create the park, matching the 960 acres already donated by Mrs. Henry Flagler, the widow of Florida East Coast Railway magnate Henry Flagler. Through this legislation, the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs became the only Federation in the U.S. to own a state park. Florida Federation hired a park ranger, built a lodge, cut roads, and maintained the park for more than 30 years. In 1947, Royal Palm Park was deeded to the National Park Service and became the nucleus of Everglades National Park.

(The campaign to continue to preserve the entire Everglades can be attributed to Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, who was born 1890 and passed away 1998. As a young woman, Douglas was outspoken and politically conscious of the women's suffrage and civil rights movements. She was called upon to take a central role in the protection of the Everglades when she was 79 years old. (1969) For the remaining 29 years of her life. She was "a relentless reporter and fearless crusader" for the natural preservation and restoration of the Everglades National Park.)

[The Month of May is](#)



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. Check out NAMI – National Alliance for Mental Health Website for Mental Health Awareness Month as well as general Information on Mental Health, Support and Education

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>



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Historic Preservation Month

Tour the Historical Morris County Sites thru Pathways of History



<http://pathwaysofhistorynj.net>

We, **The Pathways of History**, will be supporting three themes this year. Each site will be representing one or more of the themes. The themes are established annually by the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC). The narrative pages for the sites will identify which theme or themes they support. The themes are:

- 1 Women's Suffrage – This theme was originally intended for 2020, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment
- 2 Native American History
- 3 Celebrating Historical Preservation Month

See Our Denville Historical Site- this Sunday May 2nd - 12 noon to 4:00 PM

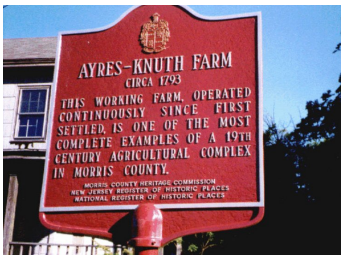


THE AYRES/KNUTH
FARM FOUNDATION

<https://www.ayresknuth.org/>

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AyresKnuthFarm/>

The Oldest Continually Operating Farm in Morris County circa 1793



Ayres Knuth Farm will open their doors as one of many sites of **The Pathways to History** Weekend Tour. COVID19 regulations will be respected.



The Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation
 25 Cooper Road, Denville NJ 07834
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 304 Denville, NJ 07834
Union Hills Farm (right next door) 973-366-0440



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[Lyme Disease Awareness Month](#)

check out website: projectlyme.org

LYME DISEASE IS A GROWING EPIDEMIC AFFECTING MILLIONS IN OVER 80 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.

Project Lyme is a nonprofit that exists to educate and assist. We have put together an innovative and interactive tool to help you along "Your Lyme Journey." By clicking on one of the tiers you will find resources like articles, blogs, videos, and webinars tailored to your stage on the journey. For those interested in an unfiltered view click below.

VIEW ALL LYME RESOURCES

GET STARTED ON YOUR JOURNEY TODAY >>

- WHAT IS LYME?
- UNDERSTANDING TICK BITES
- SEEKING DIAGNOSIS
- EXPLORING TREATMENT
- ACHIEVING REMISSION

I am hoping Project Lyme will be able to give us a Zoom Presentation in May-Waiting for reply. Ruth G.



COMPASSION, INTEGRITY, URGENCY

Check website out.

<https://www.als.org/>

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. There is no cure for ALS yet.



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GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER

NJSFWC 125 years

Highlands District NJSFWC of GFWC

Website Links www.gfwc.org www.njsfwc.org

MEDICARE OPTIONS- NJSFWC ZOOM WORKSHOP- MONDAY- MAY 3RD AT 10:00 AM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED RSVP WITH JAN HANSON- HANSON@NJSFWC.ORG (SEE PAGE 18)

FRIENDS OF THE CONVENTION – Will now be **FRIENDS OF NJSFWC** and will appear in

The NJSFWC TRIBUTE BOOK. With a \$5.00 donation your name will be listed in **the TRIBUTE BOOK.**

This is not just for members, but you can ask other friends and family members to support **NJSFWC.**

Save the date.

NJSFWC Summer Luncheon and Basket Auction to Benefit NJSFWC Headquarters fund

(Save the date- Wednesday, August 18th 2021 – Lobster Shanty)

On the bright side virtual and webinar formats will give more clubwomen the opportunity to participate in these meetings and conferences. Janet W.



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NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC



With the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period approaching in October, now's a great time to get more educated about your options and what to consider.

Join us on **Monday, May 3rd, at 10 am** for a **virtual Zoom workshop** to learn about:

- ❖ Medicare basic: Parts A, B, C and D
- ❖ Your coverage options
- ❖ How to get extra benefits
- ❖ Enrollment period
- ❖ How to find the best plan for your lifestyle

Registration required in order to attend the workshop. Please RSVP to Jan Hanson:

hanson@njsfwc.org



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Upcoming Events and Activities

BOOKS FOR BABIES COLLECTION THROUGH MAY 31ST COLLECTION @LIBRARIES (SEE PAGE 20)

MAY ZOOM CLUB MEETING MONDAY MAY 10TH 6:30 PM SIGN IN.

LIN'S DAY BOOK DISCUSSION THURSDAY MAY 20TH 2:00 PM (SEE PAGE 23)

ANN'S EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION MONDAY MAY 24TH 7:00 PM (SEE PAGE 23)

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR JUNE, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

(SEE PAGE 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PAGE 25)

CHARITY MILES Attention Runners/Walkers/Bikers

You can make a difference while taking your regular walks, hikes, and bike rides, by logging onto charitymiles.org. Using the app, your miles are matched by corporate sponsors to whom they contribute to the charity of your choice. Some of the charities are: Wounded Warriors, ASPCA, World Wildlife Federation, St. Jude's Hospital, Feeding America, Autism Speaks, and the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

There is no monetary contribution on your part. Just enroll, use your Fit Bit or a smart phone app to keep track of your miles, and there you go - you've done a good thing for your favorite charity.

Although our Club won't be recommending a particular charity, I'd appreciate your reporting to me, on a quarterly basis, the charity to which you've contributed, for a Project Report. Thanks in advance! *Janice Blinder*

EASY FUNDRAISING For our Club using AMAZON - <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2255268>. Once you are set up log into Smile.amazon.com each time you are shopping you benefit our Woman's Club. The .5% donation will automatically go to our Club. Every dollar makes a difference.

Don't forget dates listed in the GFWC Federation News Corner (pg. 16) as well in Calendar of Events (pg. 1)



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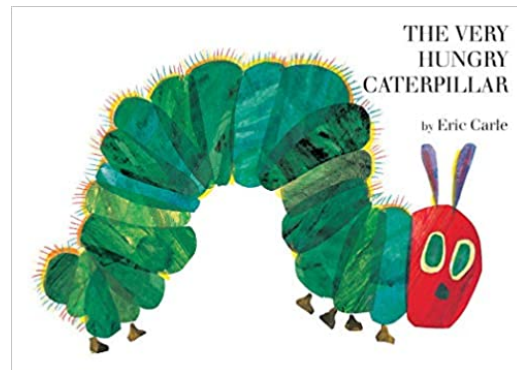
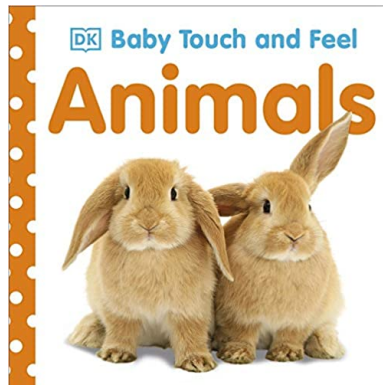
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Books for Babies Collection



Through May 31, 2021

New, chunky hardcover type books

For newborn up to age three

Bilingual books welcome

Drop off Sites:

Rockaway Boro library, Denville library

Books to be donated to local non profits:

Zufall Health Center, CASA NJ, NorthPorch Women & Infant Center

**Sponsored by the GFWC Woman's Club of
the Denville-Rockaway area**

Dedicated to Community Service since 1932



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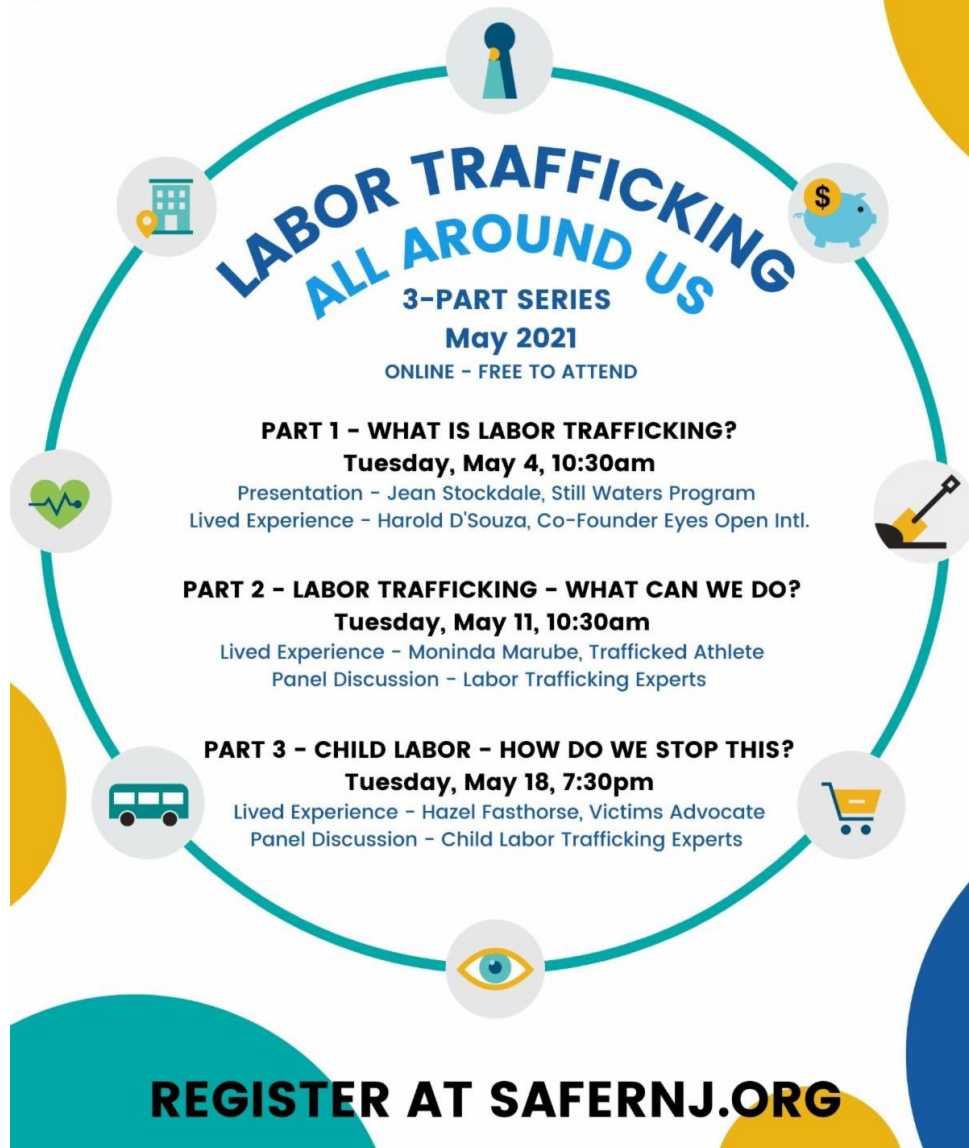
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NJ COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



These virtual workshops on human trafficking are by the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking may be of interest to you. Information and dates listed below were forwarded by NJSFWC. Janet Walker



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Sunshine Corner



We wish Eileen Soliman A.S.A.P recovery from her knee replacement surgery.



Eva Cervenka – May 9th
Susan Kleczynski– May 15th
Ann Weissenburger– May 22nd
Grace Clemente– May 27th

~~~ ***Birthday Month Get Togethers*** ~~~

*If your birthday falls in May feel free to share your birthday in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable with.*





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Welcome to all and may you all stay safe and well,

To you and yours.



## **AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

Lin Zrike is setting up a Book Club meeting

on May 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2:00 PM

on Lin's deck to discuss the book "The Thursday Murder Club"

by Richard Osman

Contact Lin Z. at 973-586-7803 or [foggypond@optonline.net](mailto:foggypond@optonline.net)

## **EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION**

Ann W. and Susan K. setting up  
Virtual Book Club Meeting on Zoom.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:00 PM

"Friends and Strangers"

by J. Courtney Sullivan

Contact: Ann W. at 973-627-2509 or

[aweissenburger@yahoo.com](mailto:aweissenburger@yahoo.com)



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## **\*\* Ongoing Club Collections \*\***

*All items can be brought to our meetings and given to the person collecting them  
(Once we can resume regular meetings).*

*ALL drop-offs should be checked with COVID-19 policies*

**\*Aluminum Tabs** – [Susan Kleczynski](#). From beer and soda cans for Ronald McDonald House, a nonprofit family & children's charity dedicated to supporting families with sick children in their time of need.

**\*Inkjet/toner cartridges** – [Joan Bowling](#). Don't forget that we continue to collect used inkjet and toner cartridges. Thanks to Joan, many are sent back to be recycled for cash back. She deals with three companies and gets prepaid shipping labels from them. The club has drop offs locations at Provident Bank, Investors Bank, & SmartWorld coffee.

**\*Eyeglasses** – [Joan Bowling](#). -They go to Eyes for the Needy and the Lion's Club. If Joan has a big load of eyeglasses she contacts a person in Rockaway who takes them to Millburn to Eyes for the Needy.

**\*Cell phone collections** – [Joan Bowling](#). This is a good moneymaker. Joan gets prepaid shipping labels and sends the phones to a company who sends our club a check.

**\*Collecting of Greeting Card** – [Joan Bowling](#). Joan is collecting the fronts of greeting cards.

**\*Coupon Flyers** – [Joan Bowling](#). Only coupons that have NOT expired. These are given to Social Services in Denville.

**\*Birthday Bags** – [Joanne Chiaravalloti](#). The Birthday bag items consist of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday design plates and napkins, candles and a birthday gift bag. Joanne puts them together and they are given to Social Services in Rockaway and Denville.

**\*Small Toiletries** – [Nancy Levy](#). These items, small and trial size, are needed for the care bags that are given to social services and other local organizations. They include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion.

**\*Old T-Shirts** – [Joan Knapp](#). The softer the better! The shirts are donated to the 'Hats for Happiness' project at Morristown Memorial Hospital. They are cut and sewn into beautiful hats for cancer patients.



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## Our Woman's Club Fundraising Committee- New Fundraisers

The fundraising committee along with Janet, our president, met recently and discussed many exciting fundraisers for the 2021-22 club year.

We have already set dates for a few of them and would like our members to "save-the-date" to attend and possibly volunteer to work on committees for some of them!

**June 22nd-26th Gold and Silver Jewelry buy back event @ Bilori Jewelers in Denville.**

Details to follow.

**August 29th Garden Tea Party Fundraiser 2-4 pm Lin Zrike's House**

Committee will be needed. Details to follow

**2nd Annual Walk-a-thon the week of September 18th-25th** Flyer to follow

All three of these fundraisers will benefit our Scholarship Program.

We have more to come as this year progresses and into next year.

We look forward to your support!

The Fundraising Committee

*Patti Manton*

## Bike Collections at the Denville DPW

I've been aware of the corralled area at Denville's DPW (off Morris Ave.) which seems filled with bikes, for some time now. Finding myself with five bicycles in need of a home, I contacted the DPW, and it's been arranged the bikes will be picked up and transported to the DPW. The bikes are worked on, and donated to Pedals for Progress.

Mission: The mission of Pedals for Progress is to: 1. enhance the productivity of low-income workers overseas where reliable, environmentally sound transportation is scarce, by supplying reconditioned bicycles; 2. promote self-sustaining bicycle repair facilities [overseas], employing local people; 3. provide leadership...throughout North America for the recycling of bicycles, parts, and accessories; 4. reduce the volume of bicycles, parts, and accessories flowing to U.S. landfills; 5. foster environmentally sound transportation policies that encourage widespread use of bicycles worldwide; and 6. foster in the North American public an understanding of, and a channel for, responding to the transportation needs of the poor in developing countries.

Geographic areas served: world wide

*Janice Blinder*



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## Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update May 2021

Though Gov. Murphy decrees that Libraries, in New Jersey, can open, policies may vary with each library. So still I suggest checking the websites to see what the library policies are.

**Rockaway Township Library:** <http://www.rtlibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-2344

**Rockaway Borough Library Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Library/Rockaway-Borough-Public-Library-117410801674019/>

Tel: 973-627-5709

**Denville Library** <http://www.denvillelibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-6555

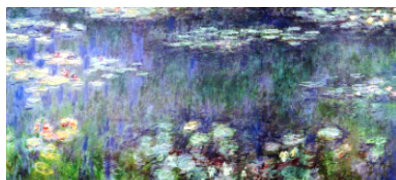
**Denville Library Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/>

Both Denville and Rockaway Township continue to have virtual programs. Check out their websites for what these wonderful libraries continue to offer and to register for these virtual programs.

**Ann Weissenburger**

Check out this new complementary digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla"

### **VIRTUAL PROGRAMS AT DENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY- CHECK OUT LIBRARIES' WEBSITES FOR MORE.**



**THE PARISIAN AVANT-GARDE: FROM THE 19TH INTO THE 20TH CENTURY - VIRTUAL PART I: THE IMPRESSIONISTS: IMAGINING THE MODERN - MAY 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00 PM TUESDAY**

Everyone loves the Impressionists but many don't know that the artists and their works were initially reviled by the critics and rejected

by the public. The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern tells the compelling story of how this beloved art movement was born and why it flourished. We will see some of your favorite paintings and some that will be new to you. Presented by Janet Mandel.

**PART II; MORISOT, VALADON: WOMEN PAINTERS IN PARIS- MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 – 8:00 PM TUESDAY**



**ACTIVE STRETCHING - VIRTUAL PROGRAM** (one time registration online)

**MAY 4,11,18,24 JUNE 1,8,15,29 9:30-10:30 AM TUESDAYS**

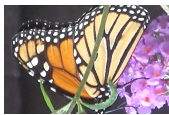
Come into your own with self-awareness training. Explore the link between yogic breath and guided, aligned stretching. Restore and relieve over burdened muscles and stiff joints. Empty your busy brain. Program presented by Karen

Noel. Please be sure to wear comfortable clothing, have a yoga mat & eat a light meal prior.



**TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA AND SOUTH AMERICA! – MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> -VIRTUAL PROGRAM 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM TUESDAY**

Columbia, The fifth largest country in South America & home to one of the most biologically diverse places on Earth, it is a special place. Travel expert, Chris McCormack, will share his experiences from stargazing in the desert to jungle trekking the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Don't miss your chance to learn about this amazing country.



Please e-mail newsletter articles to Ruth G. [rgbutterfly777@gmail.com](mailto:rgbutterfly777@gmail.com) 3 days before end of month



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