PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Carol Frisby & Louise Marzin

Hi ladies,

We are well on our way to the most successful Bingo fundraiser that we have held. Thank you to Bruce May for asking the Phillies owner for a couple of tickets to a game. She not only gave us a couple of tickets but gave us 16 in her own personal club box, including four parking passes!

Thank you also to the Bingo committee for all their hard work over the summer. While we all enjoyed some much needed time off, they put in overtime to make our Bingo fundraiser successful. Thank you also to everyone who contributed a basket, items for a basket and/or your work, making this a success.

Thank you also for all of you who donated a basket and/or worked at West Deptford Fun Day. Our club did not have any expense for this fundraiser. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped. We raised $835.

Pretty soon we will be adopting our Christmas families and providing them with gift cards for food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know many of you are looking forward to this.

Please mark your calendar for the NJSFWC Open House that is being held at Douglas College on November 16. Please let Carol and Louise know if you would be interested in attending.

Also, please mark your calendars for our annual holiday dinner, which will take place at Nicolosi’s on December 12.

In Federation Friendship & Love,

Louise & Carol

THANK YOU, LADIES! Flowers were presented to Dorothy and Tannis in gratitude for their years of chairing our Hospitality Committee.
Halloween Lantern Craft  
**Sunday, October 8**

Fall is coming and so is Halloween! Let’s get together and create an adorable Halloween Lantern for the holiday.

This will take place at Restored Antiquity in Pitman on Broad Street. We can meet at the library and car pool to Pitman. Possibly we can go for a light dinner after we create our lanterns, for those who are interested.

Cost is ~ $30, Sunday, October 8, 1 - 3 p.m. Bring your own drink and snacks to share.

Ladies signed up: Doris, Sherry W., Cynthia, Chris T., April. We need a minimum of 10, so anyone who is interested please let April or Cynthia know asap. We do have the store booked tentatively. We can go up to 24 but need at least 10.

Let’s get together for fun and getting into the fall season.

NY Botanical Gardens  
**Chihuly Exhibit**  
**Saturday, October 14**

Our bus trip to the beautiful Botanical Gardens is coming up soon. We are leaving the Deptford Municipal Building at 7:45 a.m. and are scheduled to return at 7:30 p.m.

Lots of walking, so wear comfortable clothes and shoes. I made a reservation for lunch at the Gardens. Bring water and a snack for the bus.

Ladies going on the trip are: Doris, Carol H., Dee H., Linda M., and Cynthia. Looking forward to a great trip!

**Snowman Painting**  
**Thursday, November 2**

As we talked about at our September meeting, one of our upcoming activities is painting our own snowman for the holidays. You can create this adorable snowman for yourself or give it as a gift.

Cost ~ $30, at Artsy Doodle Studio (her studio name), Gina Hicks’ home in Rolling Brook in West Deptford, Thursday, November 2, 7-10 p.m.

Bring your own wine or other liquid refreshment and snacks of your choice. Gina provides glasses and paper products.

Ladies who are already signed up are: Joanne K., Agnes, Sherry W., Cynthia, Karen D., Chris T., and April. We have room for 6 more.

Super fun and Gina makes it easy to do!!!!!

BINGO TICKETS available from Denise P.

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Bill and Clara C. will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary this month with a River Boat Cruise on the Danube River. At the end of the cruise, we will meet up with Gunnar, our exchange student from 1997 and his fiancé, Marika, for three days in Prague!

Bill and Clara are thrilled to announce their daughter, Traci-Leigh and her husband, David are expecting their first child, February 4, 2018!

John and Nancy B. announce that Tyler was one of 500 students accepted into the Class of 2021 at Rutgers Honors College, New Brunswick, where he is majoring in Astrophysics. RHC, built in 2015, offers internships and research opportunities exclusive to the RHC students. Aside from the 5 star hotel style design, which is aesthetically pleasing, the design provides opportunities for students to gather around the fireplaces and cafes to share their talents and meet new friends. As new empty nesters it makes it easier on us knowing Ty is happy entering this new chapter of his life.

#IFYOUREABARNAYOUARERUTGERS

Jeannette and Joe W. travelled with Isabella and Dan C. to Spain in September. Our trip was 10 days starting in Madrid and ending in Barcelona with stops in Seville, Granada, and Valencia. We had a fabulous time together while learning about Spain.
FEDERATION NEWS
Joan Baur

About our District
The NJSFWC has published the current statistics on membership in the 2017-2018 state Yearbook. The Garden District is comprised of 25 clubs, plus 2 affiliate clubs with a membership of 1,042 women. The state federation has 191 clubs with a total of 6,902 women.

Joelle Wentz is in the second year of her term as District Vice President (DVP). Our own Denise Hosier is the state federation’s Webmaster Vice Chairman. Denise and Webmaster Joanne Mangels have made the federation website more “user friendly.” Check it out! njsfwc.org

Upcoming Events
October 23 – State Fall Conference (Manalapan, NJ)
November 13-17 – NJSFWC Membership Week
November 16 – NJSFWC Federation Day
November 16 – NJSFWC Holiday Reception (headquarters in New Brunswick)
December 6 – GFWC Open House (Federation Headquarters in Washington, DC)

NJSFWC HISTORY
Joan Baur

Douglass Residential College 100th Anniversary
2017-2018 – Centennial Year

During the early part of the 20th century women were not admitted to public colleges in New Jersey. The New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of GFWC was determined to change this situation. Mabel Smith Douglass was appointed to chair a committee to establish an opportunity for women’s public higher education in the state. When Rutgers College refused to admit women to the college, Mabel Douglass formulated a plan for a dollar drive. Mabel walked around in New Brunswick, asking each household to contribute $1.00. NJSFWC asked women from around the state to donate $1.00 each. Generous donors also contributed to the fund.

On September 18, 1918 the New Jersey College for Women opened with an enrollment of 54 students. The women studied liberal arts and home economics at the first public institution of higher education open to women. Mabel Smith Douglass was the college’s first Dean, and the school was renamed Douglass College in 1955. Douglass College was the smallest college for women in the United States, and later grew to be the largest in the nation. In 2007 the name was changed to Douglass Residential College and currently is the only campus community at Rutgers University focused on women’s leadership.

NJSFWC has continued supporting the College by donating several buildings and over a million dollars in scholarships and fellowships. NJSFWC headquarters is located on the campus in New Brunswick.

OUR BINGO TEAM has been busy over the summer, and it’s almost time for BINGO!

GFWC INTERNATIONAL
Clara Campbell

The Excitement Is Growing!
In June 2016, Mary Ellen Brock was elected GFWC President-Elect. This is the first time since GFWC’s first President, Charlotte Emerson Brown, President 1890-1894, that the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Club’s will have a member in place to ultimately serve as GFWC International President.

A clubwoman for 40 years, Mary Ellen has served as GFWC First Vice-President and NJSFWC President. A founding member of the North Jersey Women’s Club, she has held every office and was President for eight terms. She served seven years on the NJSFWC Junior State Board and 19 years on the NJ State Board as State President and in other positions.

NJ members will be privileged to host the Inaugural Gala at the International Convention held in St Louis, Missouri, June 21-26, 2018! Please consider showing Mary Ellen your support by joining us for this monumental achievement for Mary Ellen and NJ. You may not be able to attend the entire convention, but what a thrill to see one of our own installed as the 2018-2020 GFWC International President!

Anyone attending the installation is asked to wear black for the dinner, installation and reception. You will be supplied with a “Touch of Pink” to wear.

Procedure, Policy and Protocol
Clara Campbell

Did you know...?
The information shared by club members—name, address, telephone number and e-mail address—are to be for club use only.

This information is never to be used for our personal use, such as party invitations, sharing jokes, and personal thoughts.
SPECIAL CLUB PROJECT: FAMILY PROMISE
Jeannette Wood

We collected $23.00 at our September meeting. The money is used for duffle bags for the homeless.

We will continue to collect NEW 25-30” Duffle Bags for these homeless families. If you do not want to shop, bring your monetary donation to our meeting and I will do the shopping and delivery.

Family Promise is having their 10th Annual “A Taste of South Jersey” on Monday, November 13 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost of this fundraiser is $40. Several club members have attended this fundraiser in the past. If you would like to attend with me, let me know and I can get the tickets.

Thank you so much for your continued support to help the homeless in our community!

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: PREVENT CHILD ABUSE—NJ
Jeannette Wood

At our September meeting we collected 54 more hats. That gives our club a total of 212 hats donated.

These hats are for the Period of Purple Crying Program at hospitals.

A special thank you to those who are making the hats. You can continue to make these hats all year.

Each month there will be a collection box located on the back table for our Special State Project, Prevent Child Abuse – NJ. The box has pictures of shoes on it.

Last month we collected $7.00.

Thank you for all your continued support.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH
Isabella Cooper

LifeStraws
I thank all members who have been generously filling our LifeStraws water bottle with “Bills and Change” at each of our meetings. To date, our donations total $120.00.

My current goal is to reach a minimum cash donation of $200 this year; hopefully we will go beyond this amount. If our club sends $200 to Rachel Paulson’s Hands on Global LifeStraws fund, the LifeStraws can be purchased for $10.00 apiece, a big savings for each one purchased. Their cost is usually $19.99 here in the States.

Keep those donations coming!

MUM SALE
Louise Marzin

Thank you to everyone who bought mums from Michael William Florist and Greenhouse. It’s an easy fundraiser for us and for Michael (a West Deptford business) and helps to put funds in our Operating Account. We made $178.

A reminder – we will be having a poinsettia fundraiser with Michael in December. More information will follow as it gets closer to the holiday season.

I don’t know how many of you know that Michael William Florist and Greenhouse not only sells spring flowers, mums and poinsettias, they also do flower arrangements for weddings and funerals. Michael does beautiful work!
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the “Day of Unity” held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The Day of Unity soon evolved into a week and in October of 1987 the first National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989 Congress passed Public Law 101-112, officially designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Legislation has been passed each year since.

Six Early Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship

When we think of abusive relationships, we often picture black eyes and broken bones. But while abuse often escalates to physical violence, it does not start out that way. In fact, abusers are often charming, attentive, and sweet in the beginning of a relationship. An abuser will work to make you feel so appreciated and loved, you won’t even notice he is controlling you—sometimes until it’s too late. But there are warning signs we can look out for to help us spot an abusive relationship before it goes too far.

1. He will romance you. He will buy you flowers and gifts. He will most likely be the most romantic man you have ever met. He will pay attention to you and make you feel special and wanted.

2. He will want to commit — quickly. He will say that it’s love at first sight, that you are made for each other, and that he can’t imagine his life without you. He will sweep you off your feet, and tell you he has never loved anyone this much. He will insist on being exclusive right away, and will likely want to move in together, or even get married, very quickly. He needs you to love him and to belong to him. You may feel like the relationship is moving too quickly — trust your instincts.

3. He will want you all to himself. He will glare at other men for looking at you and question you about your male friends. You may think this jealousy is cute, or even loving — at first. But soon, he’ll make you feel guilty for spending time with friends or family. He will call or text you several times a day, and may accuse you of flirting or cheating. He will say he loves you so much, he can’t stand the thought of anyone else being near you. And soon, no one else will be. This is the beginning of isolation.

4. He will be very concerned about you. He may get upset if you don’t call him back right away or if you come home late. He will say it’s because he worries about you. He will start to question who you saw, where you went, and what you were doing. He will mask his control as concern for your well-being. He will start to make decisions for you — who you spend time with and where you go — and claim to know what’s best for you. Soon, you’ll be asking his approval for every decision. Your control over your own life will slip away as his power and control grows.

5. He will be sweet and caring — sometimes. He will be the sweet, loving man who everyone else sees, and who you fell in love with. But sometimes he will become the man who puts you down, makes you feel guilty, and isolates you. He will make you believe that if you just did something differently, loved him more, or treated him better, he would be that sweet, loving man all the time. You will stay because of your hope for the man you love, but will spend most of your time being controlled by the man who hurts you. Eventually, you won’t be able to tell the difference.

6. He will play the victim. If he gets in trouble at work, it’s someone else’s fault. If he has a bad day, someone is out to get him. And if he is upset, he will blame you for his feelings and actions. He will expect you to make him happy and fulfilled — and when he’s not, he will blame you. He may apologize for yelling, putting you down, or hurting you, but will always find a way to make it your fault. He will say things like, “It’s just that I love you so much,” or “I wish you didn’t make me so crazy.” Eventually, he will blame you for making him hit you.

If these warning signs are happening in your relationship, even if he has not hit you (yet), this is abuse. Control, jealousy, and isolation are not love. And abusive behavior will not change — no matter how hard you try, or how much you love him. This man may seem like your dream come true, but soon he will become your worst nightmare.

If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact Center for Family Services - SERV Domestic and Sexual Violence in Gloucester County - 1.866.295.SERV (7378)

SERVICE PROJECT
Cynthia Holmes-Butler

Stand Down
Stand Down is a wonderful program run by volunteers for homeless and other needy veterans. This year Peg P. and I volunteered at the event. Joanne K. goes by volunteers for homeless and other veterans. This year Peg P. and I volunteered at the event. Joanne K. goes

There’s a delicious buffet lunch served for veterans and volunteers. Peggy worked at the buffet.

It was a wonderful experience and I am very glad to have been a part of it. Hope to see you there next September!
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—Thanks again, Debbie

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You are simply amazing! The beautiful jewelry! The entire set—bracelet, earrings and necklace—are beautiful. I can't wait to wear them. In addition, the very generous gift card for those restaurants, I love all of them. Going to be difficult to choose. Thank you so much again for your thoughtfulness.
—Love, Carol F

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Email your SP notes to: dee768nj@gmail.com

DESIGNER BAG BINGO
Donna Blocher, Linda Jones, Carol M.

We’re almost there! All hands needed for this, our biggest fundraiser.

AN EVENING OF FUN & PRIZES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
7PM SHARP!
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Dear Secret Pal,
Summer passed and Fall is on its way. It will be a great time to go to a movie, and read a book as I cozy up to the fireplace. Thank you for the thoughtful gift cards.
—Warmly, Donna

Dear Secret Pal,
Thank you for the fall pumpkin lantern. I love it and have had many compliments from my neighbors. Happy fall to you.
—Carol M.

Dear Secret Pal,
I love the four seasons flags!!! You seem to be having a theme with the seasons thing. I loved the pillows too!! I have enjoyed all my special gifts this year. Thank you so much!
—Joanne

Dear Secret Pal:
Thank you so much for the Yankee Candle and holder. The fall scents are my favorites and this one is making my house smell amazing. You always know the right thing to get me.:)
—April
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by co-presidents Carol and Louise. Opening exercises included a moment of silence and thoughts for those affected by the hurricanes and fires. The Collect for Clubwomen was led by Sandy and the Pledge of Allegiance was started by Joanne.

Members in attendance were: Dorothy, Joan, Donna, Carla, Anne, Karen, Doris, Carol F., Carol H., Debbie, Cynthia, Marcy, Agnes, Joanne, Linda M., Louise, April, Sandy, Carol M., Elaine R., Ellie, Ellen, Jo, Chris, Kimberly, Tannis, Sherry, Jeanette and Patty.

Summer birthdays were recognized. Sherry has a September birthday. Dorothy and Tannis were given flowers as a thank you for their work as hospitality chairs. Sherry and Agnes are the new hospitality co-chairs.

Minutes were in Tidbits and were approved.

Carol said there are 12 baskets for West Deptford Family Fun Day on Sept. 23 at Riverwinds. A sign-up sheet for workers was filled and the tent is slot 40, which is about the same location as last year. Carol also stated that CSPs will receive information in a folder.

Sandy read thank you notes from a Scholarship winner, two GCI attendees, and for donations to the Sanitarium Playground, and Safety Town. Denise P. sent a thank you for the donation in memory of her mother.

Joan spoke about September Council on Sept. 14. There is a District Brunch and a book discussion on Sept. 28 at Haddon Fortnightly. The Fall Conference is Oct. 23 in Manalapan. Joan also spoke of the NJSFWC website that can be accessed by contacting webmaster@njsfwc.org. There was a clip board to sign up for e-connection.

Jeanette announced that more hats (total of 242) were made for the special state project.

Joanne reminded us about continuing to keep work service hours.

April and Cynthia will co-chair Social Entertainment. They spoke about signing up for various events.

Carol noted that three committee areas are open: Arts Performing, Advocate for Children, and Home Life. See Carol or Louise if you are interested.

Debbie spoke about a possible fundraiser or lunch at El Manantial in Woodbury.

Members were encouraged to sell, sell, sell Bingo tickets.

After discussion, Jeannette made a motion (second by Jo) for the club to spend $500 for the Texas Federation via Patti Poe for hurricane relief. The motion passed.

After a break Donna kicked off the Designer Bag Bingo session with a poem about Bingo. The agenda covered various areas. Several items were clarified, especially concerning the raffles. The next Bingo meeting is September 19.

Dates to Remember were on the agenda. Collections for various areas will continue.

Secret Pal gifts were exchanged and Carla won the drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Submitted by Doris, Recording Secretary