

News & Notes

WOMEN'S CLUB OF FARMINGDALE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WE'RE BACK! WE'RE WALKING! & WE'RE ON FIRE!

The First Executive Board Meeting is behind us and by the sounds of the many committee discussions we heard – we have a great year planned!!

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and GFWC is proud to partner with and support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as it works to end childhood cancer. I'm happy to report that our club – The Women's Club of Farmingdale – will be one of 25 teams nationwide that have been established through GFWC for the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer. Especially proud to have been informed by GFWC Advocate for Children Chairman Deb Allen that this club was in the Top Ten contributors of the national team. To date, we have collected \$395 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. As your President, I can't thank you all enough for contributing to this worthy cause and showing the national organization how committed we are to our club charities.

On Saturday, Sept. 24 – for those who would like to be at the walk – the plan is to meet at the Sunrise Mall. 7:00 am is the check-in & registration at the mall parking lot near Sears parking area right off Carmens Road. Here we will take a club banner picture. We will be meeting with Jr. League of Farmingdale members and LIFWC members to take the banner picture together. Please let me know if you are coming to take the picture. At 8:00 am, the 5K walk (approx. 3 mile) will begin north on Carmens Road. For those who do not want to walk – there will be tents set up in the mall parking lot. You may want to visit the National Team Tent and tell them you are with a GFWC team. They'll be glad to meet you. Now let's hope for good weather!!

Looking ahead to our General Meeting on Oct. 3 – Bea Ferrari & her custodial committee – Cathy Sewell & Maryann Seales have uncovered some treasures. They will be on sale - the beautiful, intact Women's Club of Farmingdale memorabilia of plate & saucer luncheon sets and/or platters . The set is \$10 & platters are at a bargain rate for you to have & hold in your home. Remember – circa 1950! If you want to buy any please don't forget to bring some tissue paper and shopping bags to carry home.

Our Ways & Means Chair, Ingrid Hernandez & her committee will announce the club's first fundraiser planned for Nov 19 – A Night At The Races. She'll let us know how we can all help to make it a success!

In addition to all committee opening reports – Barbara Hoerner will present this year's working budget. The Executive Committee feels confident that with the membership's continued outstanding support this budget will help us attain our goals for 2016-2017 year and beyond. I look forward to seeing you all on Oct 3rd

Tina Diamond

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

With the new day comes new strength & new thoughts – Eleanor Roosevelt

MEMBERSHIP

Ladies,

Most of you should have received your new directory. Before putting it away, please remove the first page and send in your dues. Your club relies upon this money for its Operating Budget. Associate members pay \$30.00 annually and Day members now pay \$60 annually. Please bring your payment to the October meeting or mail to Ann Lomonte or Judy Vilas. Thank you.

DOLORES CIANCIABELLA NAMED 2016 "WOMAN OF DISTINCTION"

It is with great pleasure we announce our own, "Dolores Cianciabella", as the recipient of the above award, "Woman of Distinction". A beautiful ceremony with Dolores receiving an outstanding proclamation from Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt along with nine other women. What an honor it was for us to see Dolores standing there to receive her award. Dolores, we are so proud of you.

Dolores raised three children while earning a teaching degree at Hofstra University and began her career as a Kindergarten teacher at Woodward Parkway School in Farmingdale. In 1971 she completed an Early Childhood Masters' Degree at Adelphi University. She broadened her knowledge by traveling all over the world to learn about education in other countries, including China.

In 1980 she began volunteering at Our Lady of Lourdes Church bingo night and has continued this commitment for 35 years. From 1982-84 Dolores taught pre-K religion classes to youngsters while their parents attended Mass.

Dolores was a Kindergarten teacher for the Farmingdale School District for 26 years, teaching classes with 50 children/day (2 sessions) and eventually retired in 1992.

Her volunteerism broadened when she joined Farmingdale AARP and worked in a Grandparent Program for Head Start for 10 years with underprivileged children. In 1993 she started volunteering at Mid-Island Hospital which is now called St. Joseph's and continues to volunteer there every Tuesday where she works in Community Relations and visits patients to offer comfort.

Dolores joined the Women's Club of Farmingdale in 1980 as a Nite-Lite (evening division for working women) and served a two-year term as President. While in Nite-Lites, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) requested clubs to conduct programs stressing reading to children. Dolores dived right in and created a reading program at the Farmingdale Public Library for 5-6 year olds during the summer. Together with members of the Farmingdale Women's Club, she read one-on-one to the children. More recently, she (and WCF members) have been reading to local nursery school children.

Dolores served as Corresponding Secretary of the Farmingdale Women's Club from 2004 to 2006. Her role took on more responsibility when she offered to help the new president with her duties as needed. As a result, she was then elected president herself for the 2006-08 club year. Her goal was to bring in new members and during her administration ten new members joined and became actively involved in all aspects of club activities. Several of them moved on to hold positions on the Executive Board.

While president in 2007, she attended the GFWC Convention in Pennsylvania. She took the convention theme, "Empowering Women One by One," to heart and introduced their programs to the club. Members took a more active interest in the GFWC because of the information she brought back. She has attended every convention since then.

During her administration the club donated \$2,050 to repair and re-build the fountain in the Village Green Park; she helped design a WCF100th Anniversary cookbook; she worked on the Village Beautification Committee; and served as Chairman for the club's annual Art in the Park Festival for one year. Monies raised made it possible for the Women's Club of Farmingdale to present a \$1,000 scholastic award to a Farmingdale art student.

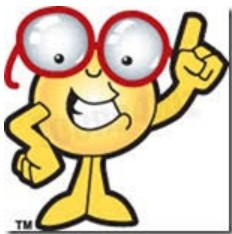
When her term of office as President ended in 2008, Dolores accepted a position as GFWC-NYS Education Chairman and served two, 2-year terms. She then held the position of Public Issues Partnership Chairman for two terms. Dolores then went on to also serve two terms on the Board of the Long Island Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

For the past few years, Dolores has been the liaison between the Junior League of Women's Club of Farmingdale and The Woman's Club of Farmingdale. She keeps our club informed on all the Junior League activities and programs.

With all this volunteer work, Dolores still finds time to enjoy playing bridge; she is a member of the WCF book club and is also part of a Creative Writing Group that chronicles family memories into short stories. She has won awards for her short stories and one of her stories won 1st place at the General Federation of Women's Club of New York State and again at the GFWC National level.



EYEGLASSES



Ladies, please remember to recycle your old eyeglasses. They will be donated to the Lions Club for recycling worldwide. Collections will be made at all in-house meetings. Thank you, Maria



WELFARE

Ladies,

Your Welfare Committee has been in touch with St. Kilian's Outreach this summer. It has been discussed with the Director that to make it a little easier on our members, our club will be collecting only paper goods for donations. This will include paper towels, paper napkins, paper plates, tissues, toilet paper, paper tablecloths, diapers, baby wipes, etc. This will eliminate the heavy canned and boxed goods that we previously donated. The Director said that other groups will be donating these heavier items.

We will be collecting these items every month at every meeting and your Chairmen will deliver them to Outreach on a monthly basis. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Anna levolo, Chairman

Rosemary Emigholz, Co-Chairman

CREATIVE WRITING

Are you interested in writing your memories for your family history? Would you like to write a story to submit to the GFWC Creative Writing contest? Or would you just like to write your thoughts to share with friends who would enjoy listening? Interest is forming and Dolores Cianciabella has agreed to coordinate the group. If you are interested, we will meet once a month, preferably on a Monday (10 am - Noon) or evening (7 - 9 pm) in my home beginning in October. Call 631-694-5145 or email at cianciabella@optonline.net if interested.

This is not an instructional effort but a sharing of ideas and information if requested. The original Women's Club group became quite close in sharing stories of their family lives and it lasted for quite a few years until one of our members became ill and died. A few of us, during the past ten years, have won the GFWC-NY Creative Writing contest! We even made a booklet of our stories as a Christmas gift to our families and later sold it as a fundraiser for our club. I am not aspiring to do so again but I just want you to know that we had no idea that we could do it!!!!

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President's Council Luncheon

LONG ISLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL LUNCHEON

CARLYLE ON THE GREEN

Bethpage State Park
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016
11:00 AM – 2:00 pm
\$48 Per Person

-SPEAKER: GLENN POVEROMO
TOPIC: POWER OF VISUALIZATION

-MENU-

Tuscan Salad

-CHOICE OF ENTREE-

Chateau Briand - Breast of Chicken - Salmon

-DESSERT-

Bananas Foster Vanilla Ice Cream

-BEVERAGES-

Soda - Coffee - Tea

Please make checks payable to:
THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF FARMINGDALE
Return to Fran Rotondo by Thursday, October 6, 2016

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INTERESTING
AND INFORMATIVE LUNCHEON*

-THANK YOU-

GRANDCHILDREN

What have you done with your grandchildren lately? Please submit your photos for publication in our next issue of News and Notes.

Pictured: Madeline and Frank Bondietti with their granddaughter at her graduation.



WAYS AND MEANS

Thanks to all of you, our first fundraiser, Macy's Shop For A Cause, was a success.

My sincere thanks to Rosemary Emigholz and Anna Ievoli for all you did in organizing the Bake Sale. You two are our inspiration with your hard work and enthusiasm.

My thanks to the ladies that baked, helped package, price and sell the baked goods and contributed money and to Dru Brem and the craft committee for making scarfs, bags and swiffer covers. The sale of these crafts, helped us raise money to add to the fundraiser. Also, thanks to Cheryl Parisi and her son, James, for setting up the tables and tent and the Village for donating water. It helped in keeping us hydrated. Last but not forgotten, our thanks to the husbands that helped and came to support us. George Emigholz and Walter Brem for unloading baked goods and crafts. Steve Thieke for bringing us the delicious bagels. This fundraiser was made possible because of all of you. It takes everyone working together to make it happen.

Our next fundraiser is Night At The Races on November 19, 2016 from 7-11 pm at St. Luke's, Fellowship Hall. Price \$25.00 PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. Tickets will be on sale at our October General Meeting. Price includes admission, snacks, beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea and dessert.

WOMEN IN ACTION

Mid Atlantic Region Conference



Dolores, Tina and GFWC Intl Pres Sheila E. Shea



At Valley Forge with Women's Clubs of NY, PA, NJ & Delaware with GFWC Intl. Pres. Sheila Shea in center and Dolores and Tina to her left.



The Women's Club of Farmingdale Executive Board

Tina Diamond	President	Rosemary Emigholz	Corresponding Secretary
Cheryl Parisi	1st Vice President	Lynn Connolly	Treasurer
Ingrid Hernandez	2nd Vice President	Madeline Bondietti	Auditor
Lorraine Stanton	Recording Secretary	Anna Ievoli and Rosemary Emigholz ..	Imm. Past Pres.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 20 - 10:00 AM

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was officially certified, granting women the right to vote. This historic day marked the culmination of the women's suffrage movement, which began in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York. In 1971, Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment and remember the strong women who fought so hard for many of the rights we often take for granted today.

We honor these suffragists who marched, picketed, and spoke out for the right to vote. We are also proud that GFWC played an important role in the women's suffrage movement, with clubwomen such as Julia Ward Howe and Frances Elizabeth Willard serving as prominent leaders in the fight for women's equality.

It's hard to believe that women received the right to vote less than 100 years ago, and have made true strides as doctors, politicians, teachers, and more since this time. Although women have truly come a long way in this country, there is still more that needs to be done. GFWC will continue to advocate for women's equality and ensure our voices are heard. Whether attending events such as the United State of Women Summit, encouraging Congress to pass Equal Pay laws, or remembering our history by visiting the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, clubwomen are committed to breaking the glass ceiling. On August 26, let the world know about the great work that clubwomen are doing on a daily basis. For more information on Women's Equality Day, visit <http://bit.ly/2aUBUQP>.



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OCTOBER

Tina Diamond - 8
Elena Guercio - 8
Ann Lomonte - 26
ancy Giminaro - 27
Lynne Cahill - 28

Please Vote this November!
We fought long & hard for it!
Tina