

Long Valley Woman's Club NEWSLETTER



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President's Message from Dorothy Prisco

I hope that all of you are safe and doing as well as possible with COVID-19 affecting our days and our activities. We have not had a Club meeting since February and, due to the closures that continue, we are not meeting in May or June. I have been updating you about Club and Federation news since all activities were cancelled. We must address agenda items even with these closures. This newsletter brings you up to date.

The Federation has provided guidance for all district Clubs to address business and agenda items, even if processes may change under current circumstances. Therefore, there is a plan in this newsletter to hold Club Officer Elections and for the elected Officers to begin their terms, usually effective May $1^{\rm st}$, at the conclusion of the election.

It was unfortunate that the Federation Convention was cancelled after a year's planning and with hundreds planning to attend. Nevertheless, the Convention business was addressed. I served as a delegate to the Convention as did Lauri Berg. We voted on a number of resolutions (included in this newsletter) and for new Officers in the Federation. The newly elected members include Jan Hanson, President of the NJSFWC, and Nancy Levy, Highlands District Vice President. Our Highlands representative, Judy Filippini, will be responsible for the Fall Conference and Program Assistance.

The new State Project for 2020-2022, replacing CASA, is Operation Chillout, New Jersey's outreach to assist homeless veterans. The Federation will provide details in June.

You will recall that many of our members signed up for the eConnection Newsletter. Our new Federation President, Jan Hanson, will issue this newsletter every Wednesday.

Club Recognition: A very large envelope arrived, and I was delighted to find a beautiful certificate for the Long Valley Woman's Club, in honor of the 90th anniversary of our Club joining the Federation in 1930. That is wonderful and amazing, reflecting the noteworthy history of the Long Valley Woman's Club. And, reason for another celebration when our Club meets again! That will be a lovely reunion we all look forward to.

Dorothy

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Election of Officers

Secretary - Mary Fiorello

The Nominating Committee, Mary Fiorello and Susan Turick, of the LVWC, is moving ahead with our election of officers for 2020-2022. The slate is as follows:

President- Dorothy Prisco

Vice President —

Treasurer — Susan Sevcik

Of course we will be accepting nominations from the floor. Please email nominations to Mary Fiorello by May 22. bfiorello@comcast.net

Corresponding Secretary – Lauri Berg

Voting will take place by email on May 29th. All votes are to be sent to Susan Turick stturick@aol.com and will remain anonymous. If you cannot vote electronically, please call Susan and leave a message with your vote (876-4373). To endorse the current candidates, vote "yes."

As you can see, we do not have a candidate for the position of Vice President. The position of Vice President is an opportunity to serve the Club in an important leadership role and we encourage your inquiries about the position. If you are interested or would like more information on what the job entails, please contact me or Susan Turick. We will be happy to answer any questions.

Submitted by Mary Fiorello, Nominating Committee Chair

Resolutions Passed by Delegates NJSFWC Convention 2020

This noteworthy list of resolutions, developed by Clubs and members of the Federation, was passed by the delegates to the Convention. Clubs and individuals should write to the appropriate Legislators to express their support for the legislation. For more information about the resolutions, contact Dorothy Prisco.

Resolutions

Oppose the Weakening of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2019
Support Hot Cars Act of 2019
National Suicide Hotline Designation Act Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act
Paws/K9s For Veterans Therapy Act
Decreasing the High Cost of Insulin
New Jersey Ban on Single-Use Disposables
Support Regulation of Opioid OverPrescription

Days For Girls

We received a lovely email thanking us for the bags that were made. They were very much needed and appreciated. I have been in touch via email with our last two scheduled speakers. They regret not being able to present their programs. I will pass their information on to our next VP.

It has been an honor and my pleasure to serve on the Board of the LVWC. See you in September. God willing. ~*Elaine Moran*

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Annual Dues

Dues for 2020 - 2021 are due now. The annual fee is \$50. For members who have been in the club for 25+ years, the fee is \$40. Those members who are 90+ years old, are exempt from paying dues. How lucky we are to have a few members in this age group. They are an inspiration to all of us.

Please make your checks for membership dues to The Long Valley Woman's Club. Send to LVWC, PO Box 534, Long Valley, NJ 07853.

The proceeds from the Antique Show totaled \$13,737.00. Of this amount, 10% has been allocated for club expenses. The rest is used for scholarships and to support various needs in our community.

Other sources of income for the club are the Treasure Trove and the 50/50 Raffle held at monthly club meetings. Budgets for both the club expenses and the allocations will be finalized and voted on by the September meeting.

New Jersey in the Revolutionary War

On May 10, 1780, the Marquis de Lafayette arrived in Morristown at Washington's Headquarters with news that the French would be sending an expeditionary force of about 6,000 men lead by the Count de Rochambeau. Lafayette later recounted that upon his reunion with Washington, the general's "eyes filled with tears of joy . . . a certain proof of a truly paternal love."

Prior to his later treason for betrayal of the Continental Army, Benedict Arnold was court-martialed in Morristown on December 23, 1779. Arnold was accused of using his role as an officer for his own financial benefit. He was found guilty of two minor charges and let off with a slap on the wrist.

Education Committee—West Morris Central HS Scholarships

Pat Jasinkiewicz, Pat Head and Susan Turick

We chose (5) merit/need based scholarships, and the (1) Vincent A. Ruffino music scholarship. They will be awarded by the school administration in a virtual ceremony on June 3rd, 2020. The recipients do not yet know who is receiving the awards. (The winners will be announced to the Club after the ceremony.) We reviewed the applications individually, made a list of our favorable recipients, and then met to discuss our final selections. It was not the usual selection process, as we could not interview the applicants in person. We are pleased that the school provided us with applicants and is going ahead with an awards ceremony this year. The graduates have already lost a lot of their senior experience.

