



# VOICE

## Volunteering is the Cornerstone

"In Jacksonville Florida, a volunteer was late in making her daily call to an elderly person living alone. The volunteer received a call from the elderly person who said, "You didn't call this morning." The volunteer replied, "I was about to call." To this the elderly person replied, "Then I will hang up and let you call back because if you don't call the PHONE WON'T RING TODAY."

When I read this I couldn't help but be moved by the story. Volunteering is the cornerstone of a society and we as members of the Woman's Club of Medford are fine examples of this tradition. We need to keep the tradition alive because...You never know when or how your volunteer efforts will make all the difference.

Kathy

### Dates to Remember

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Wear Your Purple!

October 4 Book Club  
6:30 pm  
Susan's house

October 15 Medford Works!  
12 noon - 4:00 pm  
Main Street Medford Village

October 17 NJSFWC Fall Conference  
Bridgewater Marriott  
Bridgewater, NJ

### Medford Works!

As you all know, we made quite a name for ourselves with our first ever Medford Expo last spring. Well, thanks to our own Janet Giardina and many of the non-member participants at the Expo, the event has grown dramatically! Renamed Medford Works!, it is set to invigorate the town and village of Medford in a manner never before seen and we can't wait to see this dynamic happening in action!

Please let Janet know how you will be able to help out!

[www.medford-works.com](http://www.medford-works.com)

WCOM will be collecting items for the NJSFWC Day of Service at Medford Works!

Please see page 2 of this newsletter for a list of items.

### October Program

Our membership meeting promises to be as enjoyable as it will be informative. The theme for this meeting is Women of Achievement. We are all striving to make a difference and achieve our best and these women guarantee to inspire us toward that goal.

The Woman's Club of Medford is pleased to welcome:



Marjorie Sprague from the Queen of Hearts Foundation

Erin Lawler Substance Abuse Counselor  
Seneca High School



Janet Jackson-Gould from The Medford Arts Center

Michael Levinsky - Lifelong Resident of Medford



# Home Life

## Samaritan Hospice

The date is set for the Samaritan Hospice Tree Lighting. Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00pm at Medford Memorial School. Please let Susan know what you will be bringing.

## Medford Police Operation Santa

We will again be decorating the tree for Operation Santa. The date is December 9th at 4:00.

## Check Out Hunger

Check Out Hunger runs every year from late September through the end of January. It is a major source of funding for the Community Foodbank and supports the fight against hunger and poverty in communities across the state. Retail partners include Shop Rite, Wegman's and Wawa. Shoppers can find a display of Check Out Hunger donation slips at the checkout aisle. Every \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5 donation slip has its own UPC, just like any other item in the store. Whenever a shopper makes a donation, the cashier scans the slip and the donation is added to your bill. Please give generously whenever you see the Check Out Hunger display.



## Mothers Matter

Mark your calendars - we have set our field trip to Mothers Matter for Wednesday, April 22, 2012.

# Education

## Book Donations

Please bring your donations of books and/or magazines for distribution to the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital Library. Julie will be accepting donations in October, January, March and May.

## Girls' Career Institute

We have decided to sponsor a girl for participation in the Girls' Career Institute.

Girls' Career Institute is an annual program held at Douglass College and sponsored by the NJSFWC for high school Junior girls to explore women's issues and encourage awareness to contemporary problems.

More details to follow.

## Spelling Bee Update

Dates for the Spelling Bee:  
Mock Bee - January 11, 2012  
Bee - January 18, 2012  
Snow Date - January 25, 2012  
More information to follow

## Read Across America Day

March 2, 2012  
Details to follow

# International Outreach

## A Click is All it Takes



## JOIN MY VILLAGE®

WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONLINE COMMUNITIES CLICK

Each day, log on to [www.joinmyvillage.com](http://www.joinmyvillage.com) and click-to-commit and \$1 will be donated by Merck and General Mills to CARE to educate and empower girls in Malawi.



Each day log on to [www.thehungersite.com](http://www.thehungersite.com) and click to give. Each click is a commitment by the site sponsors to combat world hunger. This site is connected to the Breast Cancer site and many other worthy organizations who participate in the click to give program.

Neither of these sites require a financial outlay on your part nor do the sites capture your information unless you give the ok.

# Arts

## Scarecrow contest

We are excited to see what Geri and Amelia have cooked up for the Scarecrow Contest! Come take a look at their work starting October 8, 2011. Location to be announced!

## Creative Writing

Up for discussion - To sponsor a creative writing contest for 8th grade students with the theme of tolerance. International Tolerance Day is November 16th therefore we would begin this initiative in 2012. No monetary prize but plenty of recognition for the winner!

# Public Issues

## Day of Service

Please remember that the WCOM will be collecting the following items for distribution to Veteran's Homes in conjunction with the NJSFWC Day of Service. All items should be new with tags.

Sweatshirts (L to 3XL)      Sweatpants (L to 3XL)

Tee shirts (M to 3XL)      Hats - Adjustable baseball or

Socks - Non skid bottom      knit winter

Deodorant      Hair brushes and wide tooth combs

Toothpaste and toothbrushes      Batteries - all sizes

Sunglasses with dark lenses      Electric razors

# Conservation

The WCOM will be participating in an Earth Day project in conjunction with the continuation of Medford Works! The project is open to suggestions and any are welcome. More details to follow.

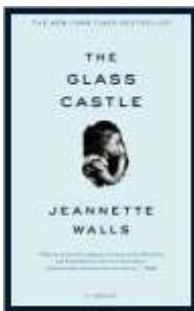
# Our Club

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## Book Club News

The Glass Castle  
By Jeannette Walls

Date and Location  
To Be Announced



Millions of readers have been transformed by Jeannette Walls's award-winning memoir of resilience amid a deeply dysfunctional childhood. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want to responsibility of raising a family.

The Glass Castle is truly astonishing and poised to stand the test of time.

Everyone is welcome to join the book club  
whether you read all the books or just one !

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## Housekeeping

Refreshment list for October meeting:  
All members - Membership meeting

Our November meeting will be held at Creative Genius Art Gallery and Studio - Julie Basello-Holt will be instructing us in clay art projects.

Membership Directories will be distributed at our November meeting after new members have been added.

Anyone wishing to have a shirt of their choice embroidered with the WCOM logo, please let Kathy know by the November meeting. Price for the embroidery will depend on the number of shirts.

Committee Updates:

Elaine has agreed to chair the Spelling Bee  
- We would like someone to shadow her for next year

Susan has agreed to chair the refreshment committee

Melody has agreed to chair the scholarship committee  
- Please let her know if you would like to be a reader.

Debbie will now be chairing the Sunshine Committee

Barbara has agreed to remain Treasurer for 2011-2012

We still are in need of a committee chair for the Raffle Basket fundraiser - our most visible and successful fundraiser of the year, as well as committee members for a variety of projects.

Please consider taking up one of  
these worthy tasks!

## Happy Birthday

Elaine Maugham October 1st

Debbie Crowell October 5th

Cheryl Stamato October 7th

Rosemary Kelleher October 9th

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## Fashion Show to Benefit Gilda's Club

Saturday, November 19, 2011 11:30 am

Masso's Crystal Manor, Glassboro

Fashions by Coldwater Creek

Tickets are \$40 Luncheon I included

sponsored by the NJFSWC Garden District



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*We wish Melody Fouse  
continuing good wishes for a  
speedy recovery.*

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"You can't build a  
reputation on what  
you're going to do."

~Henry Ford

*The Woman's Club of Medford  
would like to congratulate  
our own  
"Women Who Make a Difference"*

*These ladies have given more than 10 years  
of their lives toward service to Medford and  
the surrounding community as members of  
The Woman's Club of Medford*



Janet Giardina  
Rosemary Kelleher \*



Joan Ley



Elaine Maugham



Susan Michaelides



Alice Mietz \*



Cheryl Stamato



Jan Stehlik



Vicki Wells



\* Past President