

STONEBRIDGE EXCHANGE - JULY/AUGUST 2020

Women's Club Presidents' Message

Judith Feltz and Linda Longo



Surrounded by chaos, we are isolated . . . but in our isolation, we provide solace and hope.

As the frontline healthcare workers and humanitarian organizations in our area became stretched beyond their limits, our Women's Club adhered to the principles of our Mission Statement and responded. A donation was made to Feeding Middlesex County, a non-profit group which supports over 120 food banks, soup kitchens and social agencies in sustaining food insecure residents throughout Middlesex County. Also, a gift to RISE Community Services helped provide emergency assistance to struggling individuals and families suffering the effects of the pandemic.

During National Nurses' Week, we honored the contributions that Mary Wolfran, RN, and the ancillary nurses make in addressing the health and safety needs of our Community. This was accomplished through a donation in their names to the COVID-19 Response Fund of St. Peter's Hospital, their affiliate facility.

The Women's Club Executive Board continues to execute business via video conferencing and preserves a recurrent written communication with our membership. At our Executive Board Zoom meeting of May 19, we performed the installation of the following new slate of Women's Club Officers for the 2020-2021 membership year:

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| Linda Longo | Co-President |
| Judith Feltz | Co-President |
| Dolly Alvarez | Acting Vice President |
| June Vardaro | Co-Treasurer |
| Sandie Bowen | Co-Treasurer |
| Raquel DeMillio | Recording Secretary |
| Bonnie Silleck | Corresponding Secretary |
| Stephanie Levine | Sergeant-at-Arms |
| Jean Katarisky | Advisor |

Thank you to outgoing President, Jean Katarsky, for her steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to our Women's Club during her 2018-2020 term of office. During her tenure, the Women's Club flourished as Jean successfully executed and advanced the goals and objectives of our Club. We are also grateful to outgoing officers - Treasurer Joanne Redell, Recording Secretary Agnes Forman and Advisor Patricia Lass – for their concerted efforts in championing our Club's development.

The Women's Club is embarking on a new membership year with yet another ambitious, zealous and dedicated Executive Board team that pledges to promote and fulfill the “social, educational and charitable” tenets of our Mission Statement. The Board members are mindful of the challenges and prospects that stand before them as they maneuver in these imprecise times. However, in the midst of uncertainties, one thing remains certain . . . the Women's Club will endure as a viable organization with a force of strong, resilient and unified women.

Volunteerism is critical to the success of our Club. Thank you to all of our volunteers who truly make a difference. When the appeal is made once more, we invite and encourage our members to consider sharing their time and unique talents in a volunteer capacity.

As a result of our preparedness, the Women's Club will be well-equipped to resume activities when it is a safe, permissible and practicable time to band together face-to-face. We look forward to that time. As a body of empowered Women's Club members, let's continue to draw strength from each other and know that . . .

“Together we can do anything”

