

STONEBRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

To Our Membership from the Executive Board

May 22, 2020



While we continue to isolate, the Women's Club follows their hearts and mission statement by giving to those in need. We were unsettled by a recent call we initiated with a representative from RISE Community Services. Our thought was to donate to the food bank but soon realized that through a broader outreach, our COVID-19 donation will go directly to needy families who are not able to pay their rent, utilities, and medical expenses or purchase groceries. The representative from RISE stated that they are receiving more than three times their usual requests. We are so thankful that we can make a difference with our donations.

In honor of National Nurses Week, the Women's Club donated to the Saint Peter's Hospital COVID-19 Response Fund as a tribute to Mary Wolfram RN and her team of nurses here at Stonebridge. Our Community is fortunate to have these dedicated nurses on staff 7 x 24 and we were proud to recognize them.

Since we were not able to have our Installation event on May 21, 2020, we "installed" our new officers during our May 19 Executive Board Zoom meeting. When restrictions are lifted and we all feel comfortable getting together again, we will plan a celebration for all our members. On Tuesday, May 19, we were happy to welcome and introduce Judith Feltz as Co-President with Linda Longo, Raquel DeMillio as Recording Secretary and Sandie Bowen as Co-Treasurer supporting June Vardaro. Next month we will share some interesting facts on all board members.

During our installation meeting Jean Katarsky, outgoing Co-President, congratulated the incoming officers and thanked Linda Longo, Co-President, and the Executive Board for all their support. Since we are not meeting in person, the messages from Jean Katarsky, Linda Longo and Judith Feltz are below.



Thank You from Outgoing President

by Jean Katarsky

Thank you. It has been my pleasure to serve in this leadership role and to represent the wonderful women of Stonebridge. I deeply appreciate how so many of you have given your time to volunteer on various committees and added to the success of our Club. For those of you who have been thinking about it, please consider becoming more involved.

I have genuinely enjoyed working with all the members of the Executive Board. Each and every one has their own unique skill and personality. It is wonderful to interact with such an array of talent. We support each other and collectively learn as we strive to enrich the Women's Club. Due to the pandemic, the past few months have been a challenge to keep the Women's Club moving forward. Yet we persevered; we developed and implemented innovative ways to operate and communicate with our membership. Thank you for your fortitude, proving once again that "Together we can do anything."

As I move on, I know that you will be in good hands with Linda Longo. Over the years Linda has held various positions on the Executive Board and is dedicated to the success of the Women's Club. She and I have worked side-by-side the past few years and developed a trusting friendship. Please welcome Linda Longo and Judith Feltz as Co-Presidents for 2020-2021.

Thank You Again - Please Stay Safe.



Thank You to Outgoing President, Jean Katarsky

by Linda Longo

I wish to thank our outgoing President, Jean Katarsky, for her steadfast leadership and unwavering dedication to our Women's Club during her 2018-2020 term of office. During her two-year tenure as President, the Women's Club grew and prospered. The principles of our Club's Mission Statement, "developing an environment of sociability, communal spirit and to promote common interest, activities and experiences" were realized under Jean's guidance.

As we entered this unprecedented period of time during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jean worked to maintain a semblance of constancy within our Women's Club. Jean successfully conducted video conferencing meetings with our Executive Board and maintained a connection with our membership through frequent written communications. I am also grateful for Jean's commitment to continue to support the Women's Club in her capacity as Advisor to our Executive Board for the 2020-2021 membership year. I enjoyed working with Jean and value the friendship we developed.



Incoming Presidents' Message

by Linda Longo and Judith Feltz

We welcome this opportunity to serve as Co-Presidents of our Women's Club for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We embark on this new membership year with yet another zealous, competent and dedicated Executive Board team that pledges to promote and fulfill the "social, education and charitable" tenets of our Mission Statement.

We are cognizant of the challenges and prospects that stand before us as we navigate in these indeterminate 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. Our Executive Board will continue to meet regularly, and our membership will remain informed with written transmissions. As a result, our Women's Club will be well prepared to resume activities when it is a practicable and permissible time to transition outside of quarantine.

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."

