

STONEBRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE
To Our Membership from the Executive Board
May 24, 2021



We are happy to announce that the members of our new Executive Board for the 2021-2022 membership year were inducted into office. This is a celebratory occasion, which we are anxious to share with our membership upon our future re-entry into the Clubhouse.

Judith Feltz was introduced as President, and several new Board members were welcomed: Vice President Madeline Daniels, who has chaired the Women's Club Activities Committee, assumes the Vice Presidency post, Shyamala Gopal brings her experience in the finance industry as Treasurer, and Women's Club Photographer Nina Tapia was instated as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Outgoing Board members, Dolly Alvarez-Crooks and Stephanie Levine, were thanked for their devoted past service and the vital roles they performed as Women's Club Officers. Throughout her six years on the Board, Dolly Alvarez-Crooks served as Treasurer, Vice President, and Acting Vice President. Stephanie Levine held the Corresponding Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms posts during her four years of Board tenure.

Officers were commended for remaining on the Board in various capacities. Former President Linda Longo will act as Advisor to the Executive Board. June Vardaro, who was acknowledged for her precision as former Treasurer, will now perform the newly-created Job Specific Mentor functions. In the technology-orientated Communications Secretary assignment, Bonnie Silleck will begin her second term while previous Advisor Jean Katarsky has accepted the newly-added Communications Secretary post. Finally, Treasurer Sandie Bowen and Recording Secretary Raquel DeMillio were recognized for their pledge to continue to perform their duties in maintaining Women's Club records as second-year Board members.

It gives us pleasure to convey the messages of our outgoing and incoming Presidents.



THANK YOU FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT
Linda Longo

Reflecting upon my two years as President of the Women's Club, I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Although this past year has been a most challenging and unprecedented period for the world and our Women's Club, our Club continued to effectively operate and move forward.

I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to develop both personal and working relationships with our Executive Board and the members of our Club. The zeal of our Board to further the goals of the Women's Club was ever-present. This was evident by the many innovative and valuable contributions that were made to foster the vision of the Women's Club, especially during pandemic conditions.

I am also grateful to the remarkable women in our membership for championing our objectives, particularly during very challenging times when we were unable to gather face-to-face. Their overwhelming participation in various humanitarian campaigns has been heartwarming.

Moving on is bittersweet for me. I have been a part of our Board for eight years and have enjoyed every minute of it. Judith Feltz and I have worked together and have built a trusting friendship. We have made decisions for the Club with our members' best interests at heart. Judith is taking on the Presidency alone for the first time in our Club's history, and I am confident that our Women's Club will successfully be guided under her leadership.



THANK YOU TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT LINDA LONGO

by Judith Feltz

I wish to thank Linda Longo for her loyalty and dedication to the Women's Club during the two years she served as President. During her 2019-2021 term of office, the Women's Club continued to thrive and prosper.

Under Linda's guidance, much has been achieved, particularly during challenging circumstances in the midst of the pandemic. Linda never lost sight of the founding principles of the Women's Club as a charitable organization, and this is the course she directed the Women's Club to take during uncertain times. In response to the impact caused by the pandemic, many successful fundraising campaigns were conducted, and direct donations were made to charitable institutions which supported frontline workers and economically-struggling families.

Additionally, the Executive Board engaged in regularly-scheduled virtual meetings, frequent updates were communicated to members, the Stonebridge Women's Club Website was launched, and necessary amendments to the By-Laws were adopted.

I am grateful for the partnership that was formed during our Co-Presidency, as well as for Linda's pledge to continue to support the Women's Club in her role as Advisor to the Executive Board for the upcoming membership year.



INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judith Feltz

I am proud and excited to begin the second year of my term as President of the Women's Club for the 2021-2022 membership year. Once again, we begin a new year with an Executive Board that is adept, eager and resolved to preserve and perpetuate the doctrines of our Women's Club Mission Statement.

As I began my first year as Co-President in June 2020, we were faced with the reality of a long-term lockdown and an extended period of isolation. Our Board not only successfully maneuvered during these indeterminate times with uninterrupted operations, but we continued to flourish and advance our operations.

With the inception of my second year as President, we will look to arrange for a safe transition out of this long period of separation and constraints into an environment of connectivity and associations. We will be vigilant to prudently resume activities for our membership with social engagements, educational experiences and opportunities for personal enrichment through programming, activities, fundraising events and volunteerism, all of which promote the "social, educational and charitable" tenets of the Women's Club mission.

Our preparedness ensures that our Women's Club will continue to be resilient and formidable as we re-connect in solidarity with our 500+ members who we so sorely miss. With our competent and dedicated Board and our supportive and steadfast membership, I am confident we will effectually achieve this objective. Now, more than ever before, we can appreciate and embrace our Women's Club motto,

"Together we can do anything!"

