

# **STONEBRIDGE EXCHANGE - JULY/AUGUST 2021**

## **Women's Club President's Message**

### **Judith Feltz**

*“A simple act of caring creates an endless ripple.” ~ Unknown*



The Women's Club is pleased to announce the Executive Board for the 2021-2022 membership year:

<i><b>Judith Feltz</b></i>	<i><b>President</b></i>
<i><b>Madeline Daniels</b></i>	<i><b>Vice President</b></i>
<i><b>Sandie Bowen</b></i>	<i><b>Treasurer A</b></i>
<i><b>Shyamala Gopal</b></i>	<i><b>Treasurer B</b></i>
<i><b>Bonnie Silleck</b></i>	<i><b>Communications Secretary</b></i>
<i><b>Jean Katarsky</b></i>	<i><b>Communications Secretary</b></i>
<i><b>Raquel DeMillio</b></i>	<i><b>Recording Secretary</b></i>
<i><b>Nina Tapia</b></i>	<i><b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b></i>
<i><b>June Vardaro</b></i>	<i><b>Job Specific Mentor</b></i>
<i><b>Linda Longo</b></i>	<i><b>Advisor</b></i>

During the Board's induction, incoming President Judith Feltz expressed excitement at transitioning the Women's Club out of a long period of separation into an environment of connectivity, and outgoing Co-President Linda Longo was praised for her leadership during a challenging period and her commitment to serve as Board Advisor.

Outgoing Board members, Acting Vice President Dolly Alvarez-Crooks and Sergeant-at-Arms Stephanie Levine, were thanked for their loyal service to the Women's Club throughout their terms of office. June Vardaro was distinguished for her precision as past Treasurer B and for remaining as Job Specific Mentor. Incoming Officers, Vice President Madeline Daniels, Treasurer B Shyamala Gopal, and Sergeant-at-Arms Nina Tapia were welcomed as they prepared to assume their new responsibilities.

Gratitude was conveyed to Bonnie Silleck for retaining her technology-based role as Communications Secretary and Jean Katarsky for transitioning from Advisor to the added Communications Secretary position. Also, Recording Secretary Raquel DeMillio and Treasurer A Sandie Bowen were applauded for pledging to serve as second-year Board members.

During National Nurses Week, the Women's Club recognized the specialized and altruistic services provided by Mary Wolfram and the adjunct nursing staff. The Women's Club presented the nurses with a plant for their office and acknowledged them for providing a sense of security to our community.

Three successful campaigns were conducted during the spring and summer. The Women's Club participated in the "First Night Kit Program" in May. Francine Kravitz collected over 150 pocketbooks and 30 boxes/bags filled with toiletries contributed by residents, and kits were prepared for women entering the Antonia Maria Foundation House in North Brunswick. This Recovery House assists women to heal from trauma, i.e., domestic violence and substance dependency.

On May 27, residents undertook their spring cleaning while responding to our "Collecting to Cure Cystic Fibrosis" campaign spearheaded by Bonnie and Bill Silleck. Residents delivered a myriad of items, i.e., clothing, dishes and lamps, as well as recyclable metal objects, including barbecue grills, computers, patio sets and small appliances. This project subsidized a yard sale which generated \$10,000 for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Finally, Sandy Rubin administered the collection of Target and Walmart gift cards donated by residents during our "Back-to-School Gift Card Collection." These cards enable NJ-Rise to prepare and distribute backpacks filled with school supplies for needy students returning to school in the fall.

We are grateful to our Executive Board members for their commitment to foster the philanthropic and humanitarian principles of our mission, our dedicated nurses who render professional and compassionate medical care to our community, and our members and residents who unselfishly support our appeals.

**We are confident these *"simple acts of caring will create an endless ripple"*!**

