

# STONEBRIDGE EXCHANGE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

## Women's Club President's Message

### Judith Feltz



*“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” - T.S. Eliot*

The Women's Club is celebrating “fresh beginnings” as we resume General Membership meetings in the Clubhouse and expand activities which promote the objectives of our Mission Statement.

Our members' voices were heard through a Women's Club survey which gauged the comfort level of women attending General Membership meetings with Clubhouse restrictions. Over 60% of respondents indicated they were comfortable attending a meeting and an entertaining performance in the Clubhouse with constraints. Based on the valuable input and candid responses of our membership, the much-anticipated decision to restart activities in the Clubhouse was announced.

Our first “return” General Membership meeting was held on October 21. The members of our 2021-2022 Executive Board were introduced, and our extensive humanitarian and philanthropic endeavors were summarized. Moody McCarthy, whose TV reel includes The Late Show with David Letterman, Jimmy Kimmel Live and Conan, entertained our members with a hilarious comedy act about everyday family life situations.

On October 15, our members enjoyed an invigorating “Day at the Races” at Freehold Raceway, our nation's oldest and fastest daytime half-mile harness racetrack. An appetizing buffet lunch was held in the Renaissance Room overlooking the entire racetrack and directly above the finish line, where the cheers of wagering members could be heard.

The Women's Club annual membership campaign is under way. Women interested in joining our dynamic group may register by placing a completed sign-up form and a \$30 annual dues check in the Women's Club mailbox in the Clubhouse. Membership applications can be found on the carousel by the Concierge's Desk.

The Ronald McDonald House continues to provide a place of respite for families of chronically-ill children receiving needed medical care. As the Stonebridge Caring Cooks Chefs recommence their volunteerism efforts, the Women's Club continues to support their work with a donation of several restaurant-prepared meals delivered to the New Brunswick facility. Members interested in the Caring Cooks Program may contact Chairwoman Patricia Marino at pdefeo917@yahoo. Additionally, residents collected over 25,000 pull-tabs rings throughout September. The revenue derived from recycled aluminum pull-tabs is serving to fund vital Ronald McDonald House services.

Several sessions of the Women's Club *Transition to Adulthood* socialization program have been conducted. Participating high school students engage with our volunteers to gain valuable job-related experiences as they prepare to enter the workplace.

The Women's Club applauds the ingenuity of Chairwomen April Furst and Joanne Redell and the entire *Stonebridge Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Committee*. Their creative fundraising initiatives included the sale of custom-painted rocks, snacks by the pool, pink awareness bows, 50/50 raffle tickets, commemorative ribbons and breast cancer Walk registrations. The one-mile Walk held on October 10 honored current breast cancer patients, survivors, caretakers, and supportive family and friends. A \$17,034 donation was presented to the American Cancer Society to help fund cutting-edge research, deliver life-saving patient services, and eradicate this devastating disease.

The Women's Club invites all women in the community to join our strong, vibrant and emboldened group of women as we celebrate our resurgence and together embrace "every moment as a fresh beginning"!

