STONEBRIDGE EXCHANGE – MARCH/APRIL 2022 Women's Club President's Message Judith Feltz



"A strong woman is one who is determined to do things others determine can't be done." ~ Marge Piercy

The Women's Club continues to be determined to move forward with ambitious endeavors during the most definitive, as well as ambiguous, times.

The Women's Club has embarked on the Trex Community Recycling Challenge! For the period March 1 through September 30, residents are asked to collect and deposit dry, clean, clear plastic film in the Trex Recycling container located in the Clubhouse kitchen (See poster with examples of acceptable recyclable items). Stonebridge Board Secretary Ava Baron, Women's Club President Judith Feltz and Vice President Madeline Daniels, as well as resident Lisa Cheng, will gather, weigh and transport the collected plastic to participating retail stores, i.e., McCaffrey's, Kohl's and Home Depot. The distribution centers of these participating retailers then bale the plastic and sell it to Trex, a leading manufacturer of wood-alternative, low-maintenance outdoor railing and decking products made from recycled materials. Our goal is to amass a total of five hundred pounds of plastic, which will be used to construct a Trex high-performance composite bench for all Stonebridge residents to enjoy! Together we can enhance our community and make a difference in preserving our environment!

The Women's Club contracted with the Forsgate County Club to hold our Holiday Brunch in mid-January but, unfortunately, this event was canceled due to the surge of cases of the Omicron variant at that time.

The 2022 birthdays of all members were celebrated at our Annual "Birthday Bash" in February with bouquets of vibrant, multi-colored balloons that filled the Ballroom, an entertaining musical gift exchange, and delectable goody bags for sweet-toothed partygoers as they left! Stonebridge's very own "Music Man" Alex Weingarten prepared an invigorating playlist of songs compiled exclusively for this festive party.

To commemorate Women's History Month, author and storyteller Carol Simon Levin will deliver her "Mothers of Invention" program at our March 17 meeting. Dressing in costume and presenting in the first person, she will bring to life the amazing stories of life-changing inventions by women innovators whose achievements have been overlooked or discounted through the years.

Our Nominating Committee is currently working to fill open Executive Board positions for the 2022-2023 membership year. The Nominating Committee is comprised of Board members Jean Katarsky as Chairwoman, Nina Tapia and June Vardaro, and general membership delegates Stephanie Maffetone, Marcia Tobias, Liz Silecchia and Barbara Solomon. To ensure the sustainability and future of this remarkable Club, we appeal to our members to volunteer their special talents by joining our innovative Board.

We encourage members to visit our Website at <u>www.stonebridgewomensclub.com</u> to remain apprised of meetings, programs, events and projects, view our photo gallery, and so much more. Women may join the Women's Club by depositing a \$30 check and a completed membership form in the Women's Club mailbox located in the Clubhouse lobby.

As a body of "strong women who are determined to do things others determine can't be done," we remain steadfast in our commitment to fulfilling our Club's mission knowing "*Together we can do anything*"!

