

SPOTLIGHT ON THE WOMEN'S CLUB HOW WE ARE INVESTED IN RECYCLING

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As time goes on, the Women's Club appreciates the need to save our planet for the next generations of our families. In addition to the weekly containers we routinely place outside of our homes, Women's Club Members are proud to be avid recyclers! We have devoted much effort to campaigns which include recycling.

As you are already aware, opposite the Billiards Room, a special box supports the collection of the pop tabs found on cans of tuna, soup, soda, beer, cat food, etc. Turning them over to Ronald McDonald House, they accumulate 1,128 pop tabs for one pound at 40 to 50 cents a pound. This endeavor generates an easy extra \$6,000 a year towards housing a family whose child is receiving significant medical treatment at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. So, please continue to peel off those pop tabs before you recycle the entire can.

We recently recycled our professional clothing for a donation to the Dress for Success organization. Their program empowers women in their next step toward economic independence. We recycled suits, skirts, pants and business-style tops to help other women go from "surviving to thriving."

The Cystic Fibrosis organization reaped the benefits of us recycling all sorts of unneeded household items to help their supportive efforts for those inflicted with this inherited disease. The entire Stonebridge Community recycled a wealth of items which generated funds for these purposes.

This past winter, we supported a Community-wide effort and recycled warm weather accessories for the Rise program's families in need. All different age groups benefitted from much-needed hats, gloves and scarves. We recognized we could find another home for our duplicate items.

Hopefully, on their own, our residents are still amassing soft plastics as the Women's Club did to take advantage of the six-month Trex campaign, which provided two benches made out of recycled materials. You can still collect soft household plastics (bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, and the wrap around for cases of bottles) and take them to Kohl's or Home Depot to continue this recycling.

Our collection of our newish, no-longer-needed pocketbooks supported the Antonia Maria Foundation's women in need of healing from trauma and substance dependency.

In these small recycling collections, we double dip: we commit ourselves to making a difference, providing for our fellow humans and also minimize impacts on climate change. As Albert Schweitzer noted, "You don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers live here too."

Upcoming Events:

First Thursday of Each Month Bingo – open to all

Sept. 21 Women's Club General Membership Meeting - Tea and Cookies with the Queen

Oct. 15 *Community-wide Vendor Fair – open to all

Oct. 20 Women's Club Trip to Freehold Raceway

Nov. 10 *Trivia Night - Community-wide Event

- Nov. 15* *Mah Jongg Tournament – Women’s Club Community-wide Event
Nov. 16 Women’s Club General Membership Meeting – Comedian Sal St. George
Jan. 2024 Women’s Club Holiday Party

*Proceeds will be donated to the K-9 for Warriors Project.

