

SPOTLIGHT ON THE WOMEN'S CLUB

A Love Letter Raquel DeMillio

Dear Leadership Team and the Women Who Help Our Club,
The Stonebridge Women's Club thrives with 449 members. Currently, your organized, enthusiastic and dedicated leadership brings success to the Club. Bravo to you smart and caring leaders.

In the 2022 November/December Stonebridge Exchange issue, this author wondered if the Women's Club had an expiration date. It seemed that people wanted to help out but shunned commitments that require much personal time and effort. The previous leadership structure required a few officers pledging to fulfill many responsibilities. We asked for additional volunteers to step up and take a turn to help out in a small way. We didn't want any one woman to feel overwhelmed with a myriad of tasks.

In this manner, we were able to connect with you, eager individuals interested in a supportive role in a new leadership structure. After much discussion, we split up all that is required for a strong club. Presently, a team works together to present wonderful occasions for the women of Stonebridge who seek joy, positivity and the opportunity to pay it forward.

Together, we can do anything! A note of extreme gratitude is extended to all the women who help behind the scenes. Perhaps you assist in putting the decorations together for each meeting or help clean up afterward under the direction of Joanne Redell and Janice Lee. Thank you. Perhaps you cook for the families of sick children at Ronald McDonald House under the direction of Pat Marino. Thank you. Perhaps you complete some of the myriad activities for the Breast Cancer Committee under the direction of April Furst. Thank you. Perhaps you assist at the monthly Bingo under the direction of Helyn Sloan. Thank you. Perhaps you contribute to the many charitable collections under the direction of Sandy Rubin. Thank you. Perhaps you deposit pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House under the direction of Fran LaPointe. Thank you. Perhaps you support the efforts of Monroe High School graduates, knowing a portion of your dues supports two scholarships, under the direction of Karen Marov. Thank you. Perhaps you are one of the exceptional volunteers who works with the Transitioning Adult Program students. Thank you. Perhaps you purchase a 50/50 raffle at our events under the direction of Loretta DiCoscia. Thank you.

A special note of appreciation to all the past Officers of the Women's Club. You still contribute knowledge and expertise whenever called upon by the current Leadership Team, especially Bonnie Silleck, Jean Katarsky, June Vardaro and Judy Feltz. Thank you.

A warm, earnest, sincere and overwhelming note of gratitude to our current Leadership Team, enthusiastically collaborating at monthly meetings. A special thank you (in alphabetical order,) to Sandie Bowen, Stephanie Maffetone, Sue McNulty, Grace Patanio, Helyn Sloan, Ellen Stein, Janet Richichi, Nina Tapia and Cathy Todd. The entire Women's Club loves the results of your collective efforts to bring the fun!

Thank you so much,
Raquel DeMillio
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Event: January 21 – Women's Club Holiday Brunch, Battleground Country Club