



# Z Club News

April 2026 – Part 2 of 2

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

*A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*



## *From Your President...*

*Congratulations to everyone involved in the planning and execution of the Victorian Tea, our signature event. It was a great success! The elegant table settings, delicious food, beautiful raffle baskets, mystery gifts, and the seamless coordination of the event showcased the strength of our teamwork and commitment to excellence.*

*And it simply would not have been possible without the many willing volunteers who gave their time, energy, and creativity to make it such a memorable occasion. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. THANK YOU to every member that contributed.*

*As we move into Spring, let's carry forward our momentum into our upcoming projects and continue to make a positive impact in our community.*

*Your Grateful President,*

*Joyce*



## GERANIUM ORDER DEADLINE

*Tuesday, April 21  
You can bring your orders  
to the  
General Meeting.*

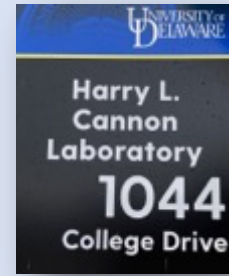


# April General Meeting Tuesday, April 21

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

University of Delaware  
Harry Cannon Laboratory Bldg.  
1044 College Drive, Lewes

NOTE  
LOCATION



## 2026-2027 DUES

\* Due no later than June 1 \*

### Three Ways to Pay

- CASH - *In person only*
- CHECK - *Made payable to "Z Club", in person or mail to PO Box 100, Lewes 19958*
- Zelle – Zelle to us at [zclublewes@gmail.com](mailto:zclublewes@gmail.com) - *please mark payment as "Dues"*



*A Monthly Social Gathering for Club Members*

*Tuesday, May 12  
Saketumi  
18814 Coastal Highway*

*12:30 pm  
Sign up on TIF*

## Communications and Public Relations

May Newsletter Deadline

Monday, May 11

*Kathy Cochran,  
CPR Chair & Newsletter Editor*

## Membership

Chair: Lisa Magnuson

## Membership Report as of April 20

92 Members – 91 Active Members and 1 Honorary Member  
1 Resignation

### Welcome New Members

Susan Petrow – *Joined March 18*

Susan Townsend – *Joined April 4*

### Meet Susan Petrow



Susan, who relocated to Millsboro four years ago to be closer to her daughter and family in Towson, Maryland, and her son in NYC, learned about Z Club from a member while mentoring at Love Creek Elementary School.

Previously, she was a volunteer adult basic literacy skills tutor for ten years with Literacy Volunteers of Union County, NJ, a Tutor Trainer, and Chairperson of their Student Art and Literary Magazine.

Also, in South Carolina, she was a fourth grade reading mentor as well as a member of the Education Subcommittee of the Technology Committee for Sun City Carolina Lakes. Where her responsibilities included vetting a new website provider for the community, testing the new website, writing curriculum, and training residents on its use.

Active in her current community of Independence, Susan serves on the technology committee and as the emcee for the community trivia events. She is an avid reader, a member of her neighborhood book group, enjoys gardening, trivia, mahjong and spending time with family.



*The Membership Committee Welcomes its  
Newest Member Samantha Ha*

*PLANNING AHEAD*

*MAKING SENSE OF POA, GUARDIANSHIP, DNR AND OTHER FORMS*

*A Conversation on Care Decision Documents*

**Deborah Mikiten**

Certified Dementia Practitioner, Certified Senior Advisor and Aging Life Care Manager

Thursday, May 14

10:00 a.m.

Showfield Clubhouse

4421 Foal's Way, Lewes

off Gills Neck Rd.

We are delighted to have Deborah Mikiten, a Certified Dementia Practitioner, Certified Senior Advisor and Aging Life Care Manager, as our speaker. Debbie is a Geriatric Care Manager and state-appointed guardian specializing in complex medical, legal, and ethical decision-making for vulnerable older adults. She coordinates every aspect of care, from advance care planning to crisis intervention, ensuring safety, dignity, and clarity for clients, and families. Her work blends clinical insight, legal oversight and compassionate advocacy.

As Debbie wrote "These documents are so important, and clarification is often needed since there are so many types and so many different names for essentially the same thing."

All Z Club members are welcome to attend what will be a most interesting and informative program. Q&A to follow.

Please Sign Up On TIF



## What is the Role of the Legislation/Public Policy Committee?

- The LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVANCEMENT PLAN is an important part of the General Federation of Women's Club's work.
- The LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE was formed by the GFWC Zwaanendael Club in just the past few years.
- The PURPOSE of the LPP COMMITTEE is to inform our members of legislation that may directly or indirectly relate to the issues that we focus on in our clubs' work such as addressing domestic violence, human trafficking, the environment, and education.
- THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER (LAC) is a tool that helps us influence legislative activity at the federal level.
- All members are encouraged to sign up for ACTION ALERTS sent to us by the GFWC national organization.
- To sign up for the LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER and ACTION ALERTS go to <http://www.voterve.net/GFWC/home> and enter your name and address.
- Occasionally the LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER will email suggestions for responding to the Club's ACTION ALERTS.
- For most of us, our major concern is at the local and state level.
- The LPP committee strives to track and report to you what is occurring in the Delaware state legislature as well as actions that can be taken at the local level.
- Our actions are non-partisan. Our focus is on issues, not political parties or candidates. What you do with the information we share is your choice.

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If you are interested in joining the Legislation and Public Policy Committee,  
contact Lynn Barberi for more information.

[dr.lynnbarberi@gmail.com](mailto:dr.lynnbarberi@gmail.com)

Civic Engagement and Outreach: First Responders / Lewes Fire Department  
Chair: Joyce Bauchner

- The Lewes Fire Department Auxiliary is holding their 4th Annual Strawberry Festival.
- Please consider donating Strawberry Wine or contributing toward 2 tubs of Strawberry Ice cream at a total cost of \$46.50.
- Wine can be brought to the April meeting or contact Joyce Bauchner for pick up.
- Checks for ice cream donations should be made out to Z Club with a note indicating it is for the Lewes Fire Department Auxiliary.
- All proceeds from the festival go to the Lewes Fire Department Auxiliary.



Civic Engagement and Outreach: Food Drive  
Chairs: Deb Cebula & Cindy DeMedio

## FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE TOTAL COLLECTIONS

1,514 pounds of food and \$700



# Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Chairs: Terry Yates & BetteJayne Barney

## Pinwheels in Otis Smith Park



**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Since 1983, in America, April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**AT LEAST 1 IN 7 CHILDREN HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD ABUSE IN THE PAST YEAR.**

The blue pinwheels placed here serve as a constant reminder to fight for the protection of children. Prevent Child Abuse Delaware ([pcadelaware.org](http://pcadelaware.org))

**PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE PINWHEELS**

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Note Correction:  
Should be  
Wednesday, May 13



REHOBOTH BEACH  
FILM SOCIETY

Please Join the Arts and Culture Committee for  
*the Reel Art Appreciation Film Series*

### *Lotto and Berenson: Crossed Destinies*

Friday, May 13 @ 1:00 pm

Cinema Arts Theater

17701 Dartmouth Drive, Lewes

Tickets \$15 / Memberes \$12

1) PURCHASE TICKETS at [RehobothFilm.com](http://RehobothFilm.com).  
To attend with the group, please reserve by Friday, April 24

2) LET DEB CEBULA KNOW YOU ARE COMING by signing up on  
Track It Forward or emailing [DCebula57@gmail.com](mailto:DCebula57@gmail.com), by Friday, April 24



*Lotto and Berenson: Crossed Destinies* follows the intertwined journeys of Lorenzo Lotto, a forgotten Renaissance master, and Bernard Berenson, the American Jewish art critic who resurrected his legacy. Through the eyes of actor Alessandro Sperduti, the cinematic production retraces Lotto's artistic path across Italy, uncovering the painter's personal and professional struggles. At the same time, it explores Berenson's fascination with Lotto's ability to capture the human soul, creating a profound reflection on art, ambition, and the fear of being forgotten. For more info go to [RehobothFilm.com](http://RehobothFilm.com).  
Join us for a post-film Q & A with Jamie Moore, Rehoboth Art League.