

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club of Lewes 1895-2014

About The Building

- 1895** Delaware General Assembly formally chartered the Sussex Trust, Title & Safe Deposit Company
1898 (Building) This building was constructed in by the Sussex Trust Title and Safe Deposit Company at a cost of \$5,000. It was opened in October 26, 1898 and continued to serve as the Lewes branch of the bank until being. It was the first Bank in Lewes. For five years it operated as a two man bank and in 1903 a clerk was hired for \$5.00 per week.
- 1911** February 6, replaced by a new structure on Second Street in
1919 May 9, the Mustard family purchased the old Sussex Trust Company. Recorded in Deed Book 213 page 540. It is said that during this period the building was rented to a Mr. John Henry Riley who sold millinery and notions.
- Also served at a meeting place for the Girl Scouts, religious organizations and visitor center
1929 The clubs former member, Mrs. Virginia Mustard, who had previously purchased the bank building (first bank of Lewes) built in 1898 called then Lewes Trust and Safe Deposit Company, sold the building to the club for the sum of \$1.00. The members met for the first time in the building on October 7, 1930 and it has been home for the club ever since.
- 1930** October 7, The Club met in their permanent clubhouse for the first time.
The Club also served as a private lending library.
During this period, the addition on Third St was added, an inside was built to separate the meeting room form the kitchen, and the fireplace was built with the granite stone from the original Cape Henlopen Lighthouse. Kitchen, pantry and toilet were installed
- 1952-1954** Records show that the building was used for a pet shop for birds only, bird supplies and frozen dog food.
Also used for the office of the Board of Public Works
Baseboard heating installed and a heater on the dirt floor under the kitchen
Insulated the ceiling in the main room
- 1983** Receive Historic Preservation Grant for restoration of the Building
2011 Received the Lewes Preservation Award

About the General Federation of Women's Clubs

- 1890** GFWC was organized on April 24, 1890 and duly chartered by President William McKinley and the US Congress on March 3, 1901

About the Women's Zwaanendael Club

1905 February 6

Mrs. Robert G Houston of Georgetown, Del. was then President of the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs met with (30) women who became the Chartered members of the Zwaanendael Club. Mrs. Houston assisted as President Pro Tem along with Mrs. Roman (Lena) Tammany at a meeting to organize a women's club in Lewes, Delaware. Mrs. Robert G. Houston assisted and presided in organizing the club. The officers then, like today, were elected for a two year term.

A nominating committee was formed and officers elected. The first officers of the new club were as follows.

President	Mrs. Lena Tammany
1 st Vice President	Mrs. Margaret Adkins
2 nd Vice President	Mrs. Eva Virden
3 rd Vice President	Mrs. Virginia Carpenter
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Elizabeth Long
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Mary West Maull
Treasurer	Mrs. Emma Rowland
Auditor	Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Maull

The Zwaanendael members are Eva Virden, Mary Bohm, Mrs. Thomas Carpender, Mrs. Louis Bertan, Mrs. Harry Lyons, Mrs. William R Messick, Mrs. William P Orr, Elizabeth Long, Mrs. Purnell Norman, Catherine Maull, Mrs. William Maull, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. William Verden, Mrs. Thomas B Schellanger, Virgie Mustard, Helena Mustard, Henrietta Bertran, Mrs. John Schellanger and Mrs. John P Virden.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Georgetown New century Club was read and after three consecutive meetings it was this same consecutive meetings it was this same Constitution and By-Laws with a few changes that was adopted to govern the new club. It is interesting to note that the annual dues were \$1.15 and meetings were weekly.

March 3, 1905 meeting the members voted to name the club Lewes Chapter of the New Century Club.

March 10, 1905 At the next meeting, "Our Delaware" was adopted as the club song and the club name was changed to Zwaanendael Women's Club of Lewes, Delaware. This name still remains the legal name.

1905 A Woman's Club was founded by Mrs. Robert G. Houston president of the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs from 1903-1905. At the suggestion of Dr. C.H.B. Turner, former rector of St. Peters Church, Lewes the infant organization was christened "Zwaanendael", the dale of swans, in commemoration of the first Dutch settlement on Delaware soil in 1631. As its motto the club adopted that of William the Silent. "Silent in the midst of fierce waters"; and for its flower, it chose the tulip the national flower of Holland.

November it became the 8th club to be Federated

A picture of the first members of the Z Club was taken on the site of the now DeVries Monument located on Pilot Town Road. Late contributing to mark the landing place of the first Dutch settlers in 1631.

The Flag in that picture is being held by Fr Turner who later gave the original picture to the Queens of Holland, she in turn, gave him a picture of herself and a statue of a unicorn which is now located in the Zwaanendael Museum.

Fr Turner was very interested in the Dutch and their connection to Lewes.

The club had a part in placing a bronze tablet in the Town Hall of Zieri Zee, Holland in memory of one 'pockboy' associated with the early settlers

July 23, 1908 *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

Queen of Holland Receives Gift for Lewes Zwaanendael Club

Word was received here today that the Rev. C. H. B. Turner, the envoy extraordinary From the Zwaanendael Club of this town to the Queen of Holland, had fulfilled his mission and presented her a picture of the club with the flag of Holland waving above it.

Rev. Mr. Turner of St Peters Episcopal Church, who is a historian of Dutch colonization of America who made the trip before to present a similar picture to the King and Queen of England, this last week gave the original to the Queen of Holland. He was graciously received and the Queen manifested considerable interest in the history of the trip. Rev. Mr. Turner will research the history of the expedition while in Holland.

1905-1907 President Lena Tammany

1907-1909 President Eva Virden-

A donation of \$25.00 was made toward the expense of DeVries Monument located at the North end of present Pilot Town Road in memory of the Dutch landing in 1631.

May 20-21, 1908 The 11th Annual meeting of the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, by invitation of the Zwaanendael Club of Lewes, met in Lewes.

The members were active in many community programs from its inception, such as art, literature, music, Arbor Day and forestry. Members volunteered their time and contributed money to the tuberculosis (TB) outbreak in 1908.

Beginning with October 29, 1909 the meetings were held in the evenings.

1909-1910 President Adella Hockler

(Sept 22) Dedication of DeVries Monument at foot of Pilottown Rd.

Members continued to have benefits such as sauerkraut suppers, ice cream socials and bakes.

These Fund raisers were used to support the Boy Scouts and the youth in the town.

The State Education Chairman spoke on the plans for an affiliated college at Newark, Delaware, which later became the University of Delaware. This was the very beginning of the University of Delaware and the ladies were later involved in supporting this effort

1911-1913 President Araminta Morris

By now the meetings were now being held at the Lewes Auditorium, later known as the Lewes Town Hall.

More emphasis was being placed on education because of the changing times and interest in the welfare of children. The ladies held a children's entertainment of music using a Victrola loaded by Mrs. Art Conwell. For many years the club held Children's Day in the month of April. Two delegates were sent to the Child Welfare Committee meeting in Dover. As a result the ladies became very active in getting legislation passed protecting children in the labor market. A bill was passed in 1913 known as Child Labor Law prohibiting children from working under the age of 16. November 5, 1913 Dr. Burton, Ex-Congressman of the town, gave the members a most interesting and instructive talk on the subject of digging the Lewes Canal through to the Rehoboth Canal, connecting the two waterways. Digging on the canal was to begin that day

1911-1913 Urged the Delaware legislature to pass Child labor laws which were passed in 1913

1913-1915 President Maggie Norman

1915-1917-PresidentGeorgis Hockler

1916 Zwaanendael Club was the first club to contribute a tree planting on our state highway Through the efforts of the club, the cannons used in the War of 1812 were located in the small park opposite the Lewes post office (The Park of 1812)

*World War I began on 28 July 1914 and lasted until 11 November 1918

*World War II began 1939 and lasted to 1945

Members were very active providing Shelter for off duty enlisted men of Lewes Naval Base. Red Cross courses in practical nursing during WWII. They knitted scarves, gloves, hats and sweaters. Bandages were made for medical purposes and volunteers served in the army USO. Many good speakers provided interesting programs covering all the programs requiring by the GFWC.

1917-1919 President Katherine Johnson

Started and Donated Books to a Community Center

They worked with the Town Board to mount cannon in the 1812 park

Helped needy people in foreign countries such as Armenian Syrian Relief and Belgium

1919-1920 President Adella Hockler

1920-1921 President Lillie Atkins

1920 Women suffrage amendment narrowly fails adoption in legislature

1920 Dec 6 - A business district fire destroyed much of the west side of Second St & damaged properties on opposite side

1921-1924 President May Kelly

1922 May 9 - Z Club Members served lunch at Presbyterian Church to Governor & Mrs. W.D. Denney of Dover and Mr. & Mrs. Pierre S. DuPont the day of the dedication of the new school building on Savannah Road.

1924-1926 President Adella Hockler

1926-1928 President Katherine Johnston

1926 Cape Henlopen Lighthouse destroyed

1928-1930 President Emma Rowland

1929 December 14 - Virginia L Mustard, a widow, deeded the property to the Zwaanendael Club, Incorporated, a corporation of the State of Delaware for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar. Mrs. Mustard, who had moved to Wellesley, Massachusetts, was a Charter Member of the Zwaanendael Women Club.

1930-1932 President Emma Rowland

1930 October 7 - The Club met in their permanent clubhouse for the first time
The Club also served as a private lending library.

1932-1934 President Emma Rowland

1931-1932 Zwaanendael Museum was built
1932 The fireplace in the building was constructed from Henlopen Lighthouse stone
1932 May 7 - Lewes Tercentenary Celebration featured dedication of Zwaanendael House currently the Zwaanendael Museum.

The Lewes Public Library moved to its present location, 111 Adams Avenue, in 1988 from a room in the west wing of the Lewes City Hall. Prior to the City Hall location, it was housed for 30 years in the upstairs room of the Zwaanendael Museum. It had moved there in **1932** from the building which is now occupied by the Zwaanendael Women's Club at Third Street and Savannah Road. Today, the Library has added two beautiful wings, a special room for the Delaware Collection and an enclosed reading room.

1933-1945-Franklin Delano Roosevelt –President of the US

1934-1936 President Louisa Thompson

1935 The Club celebrated the 30th year anniversary
During that year they had the first electric sewing machine demonstrations.
The members worked together on a float for homecoming and won 1st Place Prize of \$75.00
The first Christmas lighting was used. The usual problem of getting Members 36-38.
The club had the first program on marijuana awareness.
The Club gave a donation to flood victims in the south.
The Club contributed to the 1st building fund for Beebe Hospital.
The Club contributed to the decorations for Lewes. Membership 42
1935 Jan 26 - (Z Club) Books moved to the Zwaanendael Museum from the Women's Zwaanendael Club. The library collection was moved to the second floor of the Zwaanendael Museum, which quarters were designed specifically for the library. The move of the 300 volume collection was from the Zwaanendael Club across the Street. Extensive research into Club records and files finds little information about the library. The term lending library could mean something different from a public library so this could have been privately owned and run library that was somehow subsumed into the "free library" mentioned.

1936-1938 President Mary Shields

1938-1940 President Vivian Ellis (Could not serve) Mrs. John Cannon

1940-1944 No Records

1944 President Mrs. John L Morris

1946-1948 No Record

1948-1950 President Dorothy Vessels

1950-1952 No Records

1952-1954 President Frances Maull

1952 March-First Lewes Phone Directory was published at a cost of \$290.83 with 46 pages
Club still maintains interest in historical places contributes \$100. to repair Independence Hall in Philadelphia

1956-1957 President Madeline Stang

1957-1958 President Lillie Peck

1958-1960 President Nellie Naylor

1960-1962 President Hazel MGarraugh

1962-1964 President Mrs. Louise Burlton

1964-1966 President Frances Maull

1966-1968 President Gertrude Tharp

During this two year period membership increased by 14 members A Silver Tray Citation Award was given to the club for this accomplishment by the DSFWC.

A health program of 8 weeks was sponsored by the club. A members, dr Evelyn Orton, held a clinic attended by 25 persons of the community on weight control. Two diabetic clinics were also held testing 200 people.

The Art and Crafts Chairperson participated in the Sussex Arts and Craft Appreciation Day Show and contributed her many talents I decorating at special events of the Club.

The Music Chairperson provided music for all meetings and was responsible for the Lewes School Music Department providing the Presidents Luncheon program.

The Conservation Chairperson presented an important program of the Delaware State Park to conserve the Henlopen Sand Dunes.

Donations this period were more than doubled in some instances and new charities were added as a result of increased proceeds due to additional ads in the Lewes Telephone Directory, New ones were Halloween activities at the school sponsored by the P.T.A., All Faith's Chapel/fund, Lewes Senior Citizens Building Fund, Rehabilitation Center in Georgetown, Delaware. Total contributions were \$990.00 for 1966-1968.

1968-1970 President Estelle Vaughn

1970-1972 President Catherine Freeman-

"Get the Drift & Bag It" working primarily on the Lewes Beach and Cape Henlopen State Park Beautification Scholarships and aids for the handicap

Recycling programs organized-when not popular

Started project to recycle tin cans , aluminum, newspapers, old books & rags to save the land fill it was then turned over to the Jaycees

1972-1974 President Anna Beebe

In 1972 the Community Improvement Program project was recycling tin cans, aluminum, newspaper, magazines, old books and rags for conservation purposes which helped to save landfills from being filled up. Thirty-five members attended meetings at the Lewes Town Hall. It was agreed that the club would pay for the refreshments for the Socialization Group each month November 14, 1972, this continued until 1980.

The Club undertook to furnish refreshments and a program for the Lewes Convalescent Home once a month. Tis program was to continue for many years, probably the lifetime of the Club. Sad news was reported on December 18, 1972 one week before Christmas, Our U.S. Senator – elect, Joseph R. Biden, lost his wife, Neila Bien and baby daughter, Amy, in an automobile accident.

1974-1976 President Janice Kaseybi

1976-1978 President Jennie Dull to January 1979

Bi Centennial November 4, 1976 a time capsule was buried next to the old court house in Georgetown in it are items from the Zwaanendael Women's Club and Lewes. It will be reopened on Return Day 2076

More information about this can be found at the Lewes Historical Society and The Georgetown Historical Society will have archived newspapers of this event

** Mary Parsons resigned in the summer of 1978-The Club did not have a President until December meeting when Evelyn Culver was elected President beginning in January 1979 (Francis Custis)

1978 Clubhouse placed on the State Register of Historic Buildings in De

1978-1980 (Jan 1979) President Evelyn Culver (1 ½ Year Term

1980 (Z Club) Placed on the National Register of Historic places. Building is now number 143.

1980-1982 President Mary Parsons

Paean to an Ancient Town by Gary Soulsman - News Journal 1981

*Nevertheless, it's the old that's most insistent-as undeniable as the foghorn that
Mourns the passing of time. There are the sharp, austere lines of the
Zwaanendael Clubs former bank, where gentler ladies
Come to escape their homes and stir up something new, which will
Ultimately serve, for some future generation, as a gift from the past.*

1982-1984 President Betty Rugg

1983 Receive Historic Preservation Grant for restoration of the Building. Gertrude Tharp property chairman and former club president was instrumental in obtaining the grant. Bricks were repointed pink, their original color, and roof leaked.

1984-1986 President Jeannie Dull

1986-1988 President Alice Naughten

1986 Cost to publish telephone directory is \$4400. for 112 pages and 3,000 directories

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1988-1990- President Sarah Ross

VP Mary DeVries

1988 May 21 - Beach Clean Up

1990 April 24 to 1991 April 24 - The Official Observance of the GFWC

1990 April 28 - Starting Recycling Efforts

1991 December 15 @4PM - Bells Across America to Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the ratification of the Amendments to the Constitution of the USA Bells are to be Rung 209 times on the given date for the First Ten Amendments (Bill of Rights)

1990-1992 President Mary DeVries President

Population 2,295 Community Rural

Installed Hot water heater

Fund raised to finance and restore kitchen

Chandelier added to Common Room

Donation of Silver Coffee Server to Club

Common Room and Kitchen Painted and wall constructed to enclose the kitchen, the entrance to Ladies room that was thru the kitchen was moved

Cellar Door Replaced

Exterior Physical Condition enhanced by Painting, repair and tree trimming.

1990 January 24 - Recycle

1990 February 14 - First Clown Class - Purpose to promote the Club

1990 September 5 - Classes on telephone etiquette

First get the Drift and Bag It

1992-1994 President Dorothy Pedicone

8/19/92 Board Meeting

8/20/92 Yard Sale

9/8/92 Annual Dues \$12. Effective 10/92

9/15/92 Club year regular first meeting" Salad Luncheon"

GFWC Mid Atlantic Cookbook in Spring of 1993 give recipes to Dot Pedicone

10/10/92 Yard Sale to install new floors

10/20/92 Fundraising idea "Lid Persuader" donations of food, toys, to local food pantry

11/17/92 New floors installed

12/15/92 Open house a success

Club Clowns win first place for the most original entry in parade.

1/19/93 Donations of small personal items for Smile Bags a DSFWC project to Benefit children I third world countries who are having surgery

Planting the Green (dune grass)

2/16/93 Landscaping the new brick walk leading to gazebo in Stango Park (\$200.)

Donation made for Monument to be erected for women who serve in the military.

4/20/93 Gertrude Tharp displayed a painting of the Henlopen Lighthouse by Ann Beebe Moore which she donated to the Club in Memory of her mother, who had been a long time member Edna Beebe, wife of Dr Richard Beebe.

Clown requested to participate in Very Special Arts Festival & Kit Festival

7/19/93 Executive Board Meeting

9/14/93 Letter was sent to Republican Biden, Roth, Castle notifying them of our support of the Brady Green Bill

11/16/93 Dues increased to \$15. DFFWC Cookbook \$14.95

12/21/93 Repair to heater and spigot in bathroom

2/15/94 Thank you note sent from Department of Veterans Affairs for 6 lap robes

3/15/94 Card Games Continue on April 8th in range Hall in Lewes 75 Attended
Club members were asked to volunteer for greenhouse & garden help in the Environmental Research program at the College of Marine Studies

4/8/94 Card Party admission \$5.00

4/19/94 Material Distributed relating to N.E.A.R. Delaware Medical Coverage to be signed and sent to legislators in Washington impending vote on the Headlight Bill HB-200 was explained

5/1/94 Contribution "Thank You" were sent to Iowa Federation President for the Spring 1993 flood

Distributing literature pertaining to Child Immunization Week

A new locator for card party to be found next year

5/10/94 Meeting held at Rose Hazard's Home Clowns receive "Thank You" for performing at VIA

1994-1996 President Dorothy Godwin

8/20/94 Yard Sale

Presidents project sale of pecans to be sold at the Christmas Open House profits to purchase a portable VCR and video to be considered.

Budget Included:

High School Scholarships

Beebe School of Nursing

Lewes Fire Department

- CARE
- Hospice
- Meal on wheels
- Lewes Senior Center
- Lewes Aid
- News and Views
- HOBY
- 8/20/94** Yard Sale
- 9/20/94** Donation to Women Veterans Association
- Participating in Beach Clean Up
- Sign Up for "Adopt a Highway"
- Petition against rezoning proposed site for 14 Acre Tangier Outlet
- Participation in Operation Smile
- 10/11/94** Executive Board Meeting
- Betty Martin would be asked to consider setting up criteria on which a High School graduate would be selected for the CPI Project to raise money to buy children's books for our Library
- 10/18/94** Suggested Projects Read-Aloud; English as a second language
- 11/15/94** Continue with Adopt -A-Highway
- English as a 2nd language
- Casa San Francisco
- Volunteers for the Middle School tutoring program
- Great Decisions Group led by Pat Rockett beings
- Consortium Progress -Ann Schultz
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- 1/17/95** Children's Book Drive continues
- Gertrude Tharp motioned for new drapes by Waverly
- 2/21/95** Sign Up for dunes grass planting continues
- Fabric for drapes selected
- 3/21/95** Letter to Mayor and City Council requesting 1st parking space be designated as reserved-Safety Engineer said it would not be safe. Possibility of loading zone was discussed. No decision was made
- 4/17/95** New Drapes installed \$817.00 Painting contracted to do outside and some inside
- Contributions made to Nursing Student
- 5/16/95** Watercolor painting donation by Doris Ingram of the Cape Artist Group
- 10/17/95** Replacement of the Heating system was under consideration.
- 11/21/95** Henlopen Light house and "Club House" paintings were presented and hung
- Get Acquainted Tea to welcome new members
- In December bring gifts for Lewes Convalescent residents
- 1/16/96** Proposal for new heating system
- 2/20/96** Clown number decreases only 3 or 4 left
- Heater Installed
- Building leased for a Craft Show
- Pauline Hopper - Club Historian is compiling the club history for Dot Pedicone's Administration 1992-1997.
- Presidents project sale of pecans to be sold at the Christmas Open House profits to purchase a portable VCR and video to be considered.
- 10/17/96** Sign-up sheet to transport voters to the Polls
- Brochure about the Z Club will be prepared by the Membership Chairperson Dot Pedicone

1996-1998 President Patricia Rockett

1996-1998 The Club had 36 members in 1996-97 and 3 members in 1997-98
 Our budget income was \$6,000 – (2) \$500.00 Scholarships; (1) Cape Henlopen High School; and (1) Beebe Hospital School of Nursing (highest grades). Donations to the Lewes Fire Department, CARE, Hospice, Meals on Wheels, Lewes Aid News & Views ad a full Scholarship to HOBY program

- 6/16/96** Smile Bags Continue
Contacting Representatives about Medicare Reform
- 7/9/96** Club asks Key Club at the High School to take over "Adopt Highway" program since many of the members are incapable of participating
Update by laws this year.
- 9/17/96** Club President Pat Rockett announced the proposed formulation of a Juniorette Club at the local High School which would be the first of its kind in Delaware.
The girls will help with our service projects
 Home Life Projects -Dot Goodwin
 National Organization of the Disabled
 Canine Companions for Dependency
 Voter Assistance transportation
 Conservation-(Pat Swanson)
 Adapt a Highway project is to be completed by October 26
 Save energy and to recycle
 Planting of the Green Continues
 International Affairs-Ann Schultz
 World Food Day 10/16/96
 UNICEF
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1998-2000 Kaye Rockett

11,044 Hours of volunteer for National, State, Community Service & Leadership
Upgraded furniture-card tables and chairs

2000-2002 President Majorie F Frampton

Membership of 33 dedicated women

8,321 R.S.V.P. volunteer hours at Beebe Hospital, Meals on Wheels, The Children's Beach House, our churches, DAV,VFW, visit the veterans in the VA hospital and local nursing homes and other service organizations. Members are also active in other community affairs and hold local and state Federation offices. One member is also working with the planning of the annual HOBY Convention. Members have helped make toiletry bags for the clients of Crisis House and Home of the Brave.

Fundraisers

Yard sale during the spring, Lewes Garden tour.

Crocheted Martha Washington afghan chanced off throughout the year. A New project this year was the popcorn Ladies.

Each month we also donate a craft/surprise gift that is chanced off to all members

Our biggest fundraiser is the Lewes Phone Book. We have just completed our 49th year of publishing the book.

In December 2000, found a copy of the 1916 GFWC biannual convention programs found and we presented the program to Shelby P Hamlett, GFWC International

\$500 Scholarship to a graduating senior at Cape Henlopen High School

\$500 Scholarship to a student at the Beebe Hospital School of Nursing.

Also presented money to the School of Nursing in memory of our deceased member, Ernestine Edwards. This money was used to buy books for the School of Nursing library.

Doctor came to speak on Osteoporosis which was part of our National Guideline. We have also had the Director of Pain Management Beebe Hospital speak to us on the subject. We also were reminded about keeping current on all health issues and the necessity of Mammograms.

Members raised trees received from Arbor Day Foundation and will later be donated to various parks in the community
Beach grass planting
Arbor Day
Sierra Club
Nature Conservancy
Inland Bays
Recycle

There are 15 members from the Zwaanendael Club who are members of their Investment Club They are responsible for getting the Lewes Town Council to declare October as Children's Health Month

2002-2004 President Rosalind S. O'Connor

2002 (Z Club) October 23- Dedication of Zwaanendael Club Historical Marker
Installation of Bronze Delaware History marker the marks listing the club of the National & Delaware registers of Historic Landmarks
4,000 Phone Directories Published
10,843 Volunteer Hours
\$500 Scholarships Beebe School of Nursing
Continue to support HOBY
Sponsored form at Lewes Library on Health Care/lectures and other events
Provided popcorn for the Lewes Garden Tour and Marine Studies Day
Pointed Club house bricks
Added large rug to interior

2004-2006 President Muriel Pfeiffer

2006-2008-President Judith Kirkey

Volunteering at Beebe Hospital, the Lewes Library, Cape Henlopen Senior Center, local schools, churches, and other organizations throughout the community. Some are active in the Overfalls restoration project and docenting for the Lewes Historical Society.

We give 4 scholarships. One goes to a nursing student at Beebe Hospital, one to a Cape Henlopen High School senior, one goes to HOBY, and one by the Geneva Morris Foundation, a past member, and the student has to be female student studying business. These come to around \$2000.00.

We have donated money to Darfur and UNICEF through our International Chairperson. Pat Rockett who is our Arts Chairperson hosts an art show each year using art from students at Cape Henlopen High School.

Majorie Frampton is a very active Education Chairperson keeping us aware and involved in the local schools and library.

We did an exhibit at the Lewes Library displaying artifacts and information about the 103 year old Zwaanendael Club.

Speakers have been Dr. Gary Wray, speaking on Delaware's role in World War II, the Blue Wind Project brought to us by the company who would like to install a wind farm off Rehoboth. Black History Month by Charlotte King, Hazel Brittingham on the local history of Lewes and coming up soon former Governor Russell Peterson.

Our largest project for the last year was renovating our 100 year old club house.

We painted inside and out and installed a new wood floor. We are still I need of new blinds and drapes. We have spent over \$10,000 on this project.

In order to finish, we will have to do additional fundraising this year.

Our main fund raiser is the Lewes phone book. We sell ads in the book and then give it away. We currently are waging a membership drive and planning some additional fundraisers this coming summer.

Discussion on getting 501(c)3 and doing a cookbook

2008-2010 President Muriel Pfeiffer

August 2008 Teas raised \$1060.00

September Wine & Cheese raised \$193.00 and 5 new members

Programs on Constitutional Info,

October Window treatments were ordered and paid for from fund raiser \$2,060.

Also we received a grant from Lynn Rogers of the Sussex County Council for \$2500.

February 2009 - 104th Birthday Party - Speaker Debbie Rouse on Recreational Water Programs & EPA Beach Act Grant

May 2009 Received an award for Legislation & Public Policy from the GFWC DSFWC Convention.

Presented Scholarship to a Casey McClure of Cape Henlopen High School.

July Victorian Tea and Beach Treasures Fashion Show & Tea

August 2009 Red Hat Tea and Peaches and Cream Tea held

September 2009 Held more summer teas that were a success and a Green Turtle Restaurant fundraiser. Work on 57th Edition of the Lewes Phone Directory.

October 2009 Clothing Drive for Peoples Place. Coupons for Military families collected.

Telephone book finished and distributed. 4 new members.

Cookies were baked for the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services get together

November 2009 Accents fundraiser. Tulip bulbs planted with the donation from Bests' Ace Hardware in Nassau. Basement flooded - cost of repair \$1,500.00

December 2009 Gifts for Nursing home, books for children, donation of \$10 from each Member for the food pantry. Over \$600 in coupons for military families collected.

Open House for annual parade.

January 2010 DSFC Nominations sent to the State. Received certificate for our donation to UNICEF.

March 2010 - School of Nursing scholarship presented. Guest speaker Jessie Lanier-Cheer Center and Linda Rogers RSVP. Henrietta Belcher-Stack selected as LEADS representative

April 2010 Pat Rockett and Dee Lyon celebrate 20 years in the club

May 2010 DSFWC Convention. Our luncheon was at 1776 Restaurant with the installation of officers

2010-2012 President Henrietta V. Belcher-Stack, CSA,CRMP

Joined the Lewes Chamber of Commerce

Joined the Lewes Historical Society

There was conversation among the members that the Club house had a lot of repairs. The entire Club house was inspected by a certified house inspector all items that needed to be fixed were.

He said that it was in really good condition but several things should be repaired.

The Club won a Grant from the Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540 which helped pay for all repairs. The building is now deemed in good condition

Paid all back taxes that were due and straightened out financial

Archived all know items to the Lewes Historical Society

58th Edition of the Lewes Phone Directory for 2 years

Japanese Relief Fund

Won the 2nd Annual Lewes Historical Society Preservation Award

Received a 401(c)3 Tax Exemption number – members thought we were under the umbrella of the GFWC but we were not Successful Fundraisers

Membership increased

Publicity and community awareness each month with fundraisers and speaker series

All financial Accounts now solid

2012-2014 President JoAnne Kohler

59th Phone Book profits \$1,339.84

Coats for Veterans

2014-2016 President Maggie Bauducco

**All items such a pictures, awards, notes, scrapbooks and reports can be located at the Archives of the Lewes Historical Society

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