



2010 Verona Juniors Brag Sheet

Fundraising

- Our biggest fundraiser was a very successful Casino Night. We raised \$13,000 and \$11,000 of which we donated back to our community, to various charities, causes and organizations in the form of cash grants. Nearly half of these donations benefited our schools and students in some capacity, whether they funded scholarships, grants to our district's version of the PTA, field trips, or organizations that supported our schools and students.

Membership

- In terms of membership, we welcomed eight new members in 2010 through recruiting efforts of a "New Member Tea" and "Ladies Night Out" social.

Education

- We sponsored another successful Spelling Bee for our 4th and 5th graders. Proudly, one of our 4th grade students, Nicole Volpe, went on to win 3rd place at the Central Region Spelling Bee and 2nd place in the State Bee.

Home Health Life

- We expanded our "new mom meals" service into a "Sunshine Committee" that provides meals for members who are experiencing illness, death in the families, or other crisis.
- Our Bunny Brunch will be on April 16th and our goal is to raise enough money to assist needy families in our town.
- Our club also takes on the responsibility of stocking seven school nurses' pantries with snacks and drinks for children who are ill or forget to bring in their snacks or lunches to school. This project is performed twice a year.
- Our wish Tree program offers gift donations to our 9 designated families. We place 6 to 7 holiday trees strategically throughout the town and we generated numerous gift cards and merchandise donations.
- We offer our members a variety of purely social activities, such as a progressive dinner for couples, Breakfast with Santa for families and our holiday and end of year dinner for members.
- Service to the needy, the elderly and our children remained our top priority and focus. Our projects included hosting a dinner for our senior citizens, providing gift cards for restaurants and grocery stores to needy families, collecting holiday gifts through our wish tree program.
- Bunco social event for club members.

State Project

- We raised \$1,500 for the Valerie Fund by walking as a team at the Valerie Fun walk.

International

- As a result of our Annual Halloween Party we were able to make a monetary donation to UNICEF orange box Trick or Treat Campaign.

Unity

- In December 2010, the Verona and Cedar Grove Juniors and their children teamed up for the third year in a row to visit the residents of a local nursing home and perform holiday songs and Christmas carols.

Special Project

- Several juniors participated in a special women only Habitat for Humanity build (initiated by Susan Fenker Warner), helping single mothers in Newark build a new home for their families.

Federation

- We were very proud this year of our contribution at the Jersey Juniors state level. Our member, Susan Fenker Warner, served on the state board as chairperson of the public issues department, and it was our member, Jennifer Coppola, who proposed and presented the Valerie Fund as a possible state project at the fall conference. We were honored with several department awards at the state convention in May, including a "Diamond Dozen" award.

Miscellaneous

- Revising our by-laws
- Revising our scholarship application
- Adopting the passive vote system

In 2010, the Verona Junior Women's Club's 59 members gave 7,677 volunteer hours and donated money, in-kind goods and services or sponsored projects, totaling \$75,539.