



Newsletter: October 2018

October Club Meeting

Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 9th** when our speaker will be **Gail Cannon, Program Coordinator, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**, who will be speaking about ***Signs of Elder Abuse***. Our hostesses will be the **CONSERVATION CSP**.

As usual, we'll meet at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in Westminster. Refreshments and mingling start at 12:15pm and our meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Don't forget to wear your **name tag** and to **carpool** if you can.

Materials for Pick Up

The Maryland GFWC Fall Meeting was held on September 18th in Bowie. The various state chairpersons gathered information together for our CSP's and some committees. This information will be available for pickup at our **October 9th meeting**. Please check the side entrance tables.

Western District Board Meeting – October 20, 2018

It is our Club's turn to host the Western District Meeting – We will be welcoming the members of the GFWC Western District on Saturday, **October 20th**. Much work has been done in preparation, but we will be requesting help to make this a memorable event. **We foresee needing assistance with making name tags, manning the sign-in and registration desks, setting up the room at St Paul's on Friday afternoon, assembling items for a gift basket to be raffled off and more.** Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, please contact Linda and Clare to offer any assistance you can. The Call and the Registration Form are attached. Please let Barb Gunther know by **October 3rd** if you plan to attend.

Club Dues

Our Treasurer, Barb Gunther, will be collecting dues at our October and November meetings for the club year 2018/2019. Why not get yours out of the way early in the year? Annual dues are still **\$65** for Active members and **\$75** for Associate members.

Southeastern Region Conference

The Call for the SER Conference is attached. The dates are **November 1-3, 2018** and the location is the DoubleTree by Hilton (Winston-Salem University), 5790 University Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27105, 336-767-9595. Another available hotel is Holiday Inn Express Peters Creek at \$120/night. Reservations are due before **October 15th**.

Holiday Luncheon – December 11th

The reservation form is attached for the holiday luncheon. See menu choices on the form. Please bring to the October or November meeting, together with your payment.



Where: **Best Western Westminister** - Route 140 and WMC Drive

When: **Tuesday, December 11th**

11:15: Doors open for our Silent Auction

Noon: Luncheon served

Program: **Judy Morley, Director of Carroll Arts Center**
"Welcome to Carroll County"

Cost: **\$35** per person

Beneficiary Committee – Suggestion Needed for Funds

Jane Sharpe reports that she needs all your suggestions for the recipients of the Beneficiary Committee's funds by the **October meeting**. Please contact Jane (iSharpe@mcdaniel.edu), Lura Griswold ([410-848-9635](tel:410-848-9635)), Karen Soisson (410-861-8176) or Jayne Stocksdales (ajStocksdales@verizon.net) with your ideas. The beneficiary committee guidelines are attached with the newsletter. Please fill out with your suggestion and bring this form to the October meeting.

By-Laws Committee

Babs Condon reports that: Pursuant to Article X – Amendments to By-Laws, two weeks' notice is to be given of the proposed change. Then the Club will vote at the October 9th meeting. A vote was taken on 9.11.18 and the concept was agreed to, but the actual language needs to be voted on.

NEW BYLAW TO ADD THE HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

Section 7A. Helping Hands Committee. (page 46)

The Helping Hands Committee shall consist of members who coordinate with the members of the Club to provide temporary services for members who need some support and assistance.

Conservation CSP

Our CSP met in September and we are going to do a service project in January of delivering a bouquet of flowers to various persons who need a special act of kindness. Please look for a member of our committee with a clipboard at a table prior to the October meeting and bring the name, address and phone number of the person to be given a special gift.

We are creating a gardening basket for the RCIS Culinary Experience for the silent auction on Monday, October 8.



In the next few weeks we will be planting bulbs in Belle Grove Square.

Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that the blue book bags donated by the Spider Web are LOST. Please check your closets and return them. Members may continue to donate books to the "used book table". Please take unsold titles home. Proceeds benefit the Home Life and Education CSPs. Thanks.

Magazines! Your Orders Help Our Club!

Nancy Porter reports that the **EDUCATION CSP** will once again sell magazine subscriptions as a fundraiser. Nancy will be our main club contact and the fundraiser must be completed by **November 15th**, when she will send in our group order. Here are some of the details.

Nancy has catalogs and has also provided us a list of the available magazines in Excel spreadsheet. There are well over 1,000 magazines for you to choose from! Many, like *Southern Living*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, and *Country Living*, come in digital format as well as paper.

Nancy set up an online account for us using her name as the contact. You can go online at www.APmags.com/store. Enter the Code WC9918. Then enter Nancy Porter as the student's name to see our campaign progress and magazines available for you to order while online. Online, you can also renew a current subscription; your new subscription will start after the current one ends.

Remember, you can certainly order magazines for yourself, but also consider the idea of giving magazines as holiday or birthday gifts to family and friends. See Jackie or Nancy for the certificates you can print and complete to give for your gift.

GFWC Westminster receives 40% of the amount sold through our fundraiser! That could add up to a lot of money that we can put to some great causes! So please, encourage your friends and relatives to order magazines from us.

Subscriptions take about 4-6 weeks to start once we have turned in all of the orders on November 15th. Please email Nancy with your order at NancPorter@gmail.com, including the following

- ✓ name of magazine
- ✓ code number
- ✓ price of subscription
- ✓ name and address of person for the subscription



Or you can bring your order and check to our October and November meetings. Make the check payable to **GFWC-WCOW**. One check for the entire fundraiser will be sent when it ends on **November 15, 2018**.

Fundraising Committee

Bev Humbert says to Get Ready - Get Set - SHOP! Jayne Stocksdale is ready to help you do just that by selling Shopping Passes to the annual Boscov Friends Helping Friends event. It being held on Tuesday, **October 16th** from 8 AM to 11 PM. The pass entitles you to 25% off many items in the store such a men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories. Discounts of 10% are offered on small appliances, toys and rugs. And 15% off cosmetics, fine jewelry, housewares and more. The cost is \$5.00 per pass with all ticket proceeds going to the Fundraising Committee.

Fundraising is working on a cookbook project to be completed in 2019. This started as a suggestion by Judi Martin-Johnson using the 1988 cookbook put out by the club and has morphed into a cookbook of old and new recipes. We hope to have it sent to print in the spring, so we would like to begin collecting recipes this fall. Please send them by email or print to Linda Kjeldgaard. Include your name and/or the name of the person you would like to have mentioned as the author. Watch for more information at the October meeting.

The Fundraising Committee is planning an Autumn Tea Social on **November 10th** at 11a.m. in Maggie's dining rooms. Tickets will be available at the October meeting for **\$35**. You may also contact Lorraine or Linda at any time. Make checks out to GFWC Westminster. You may also take fliers to post and tickets to sell.

Fundraising will be asking for Silent Auction items at the **October** meeting. Keep an "eye" out for "new" to "like new" gift items you may wish to donate for the event.

The Farm Museum is looking for antique candy dishes for their Christmas display. Please bring any donation or item you wish to loan to the **October** meeting. Be sure the dish is labeled and wrapped securely. Thanks very much. All donors receive free admission for the holiday season.

The flea market was a big success. We made about \$1000.00. Pat Harter wants to thank all the people who were involved to the donors, the sales ladies and the cleanup crew. I think we had a good time, too.

Home Life CSP

Bev Backof reports that Home Life is offering support for a woman moving into a newly renovated home in Westminster that was done by Habitat for Humanity. Home Life would like to plan a housewarming shower in mid-October for the new homeowner who is a domestic abuse survivor. Home Life will provide items for her kitchen. For those that wish to help, please purchase **gift cards from TARGET OR KOHLS** and bring to the **October** meeting.

ALL NUT ORDERS ARE DUE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. This is so we can have them to distribute at our November meeting. If you need a booklet, call or email Sue Thomas.



International Outreach CSP

Sally Marks reports that October is *World Food Month*. GWFC in Westminster uses this month to support our local food bank. Please **bring non-perishable food** to the **October 9th** meeting. The **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP** will transport the items to **Food Sunday**. Let's make it a bountiful day!

Now that we are in gear to work at SERRV, the woman there called to say to put it on the calendar for March. So SERRV is no-go until March. Thanks to all who were willing to work there again.

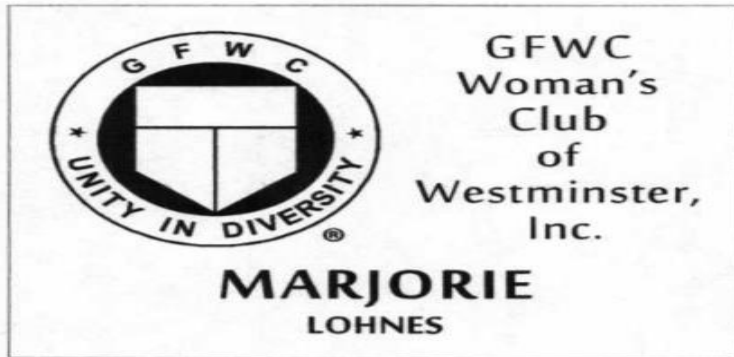
Membership Committee

As reported at the September meeting, the Board of Directors has voted to recommend that club members purchase permanent name badges that the membership committee is offering to all members at cost. These name badges are permanent, high-quality, and magnetic (no more lanyards around the neck or ruining clothing with safety pins to display our names). The badges will include the GFWC logo, the club name and the club member's name. The badge will be printed in black on a gold background. A sample badge should be ready for display at our October meeting. In the meantime, you can see a **rendering of the badge below**.

The membership committee is paying for the initial cost of setting up the logo for printing, in order to lower the cost of the badges for each member. As a result, members will be able to purchase the badge for \$10. We need to sell at least 50 badges in order to get this price. At least one member is thinking about buying two, in case one is lost. This is the lowest price at which these name badges will ever be available. Single or small batches of badges can be ordered in the future, but they will be at a higher price.

Now everyone can wear an attractive badge that will display our pride in our club and the work that we do. They should be worn not only at our meetings but also whenever we are volunteering on behalf of the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. Wearing the name badges will help to raise awareness about our club in the community. People will see the pride that we have in our club and our volunteer service. As an added bonus, we will have an easier time learning each other's names.

Orders will be taken for the name badges at the October meeting or you may send your request and check for \$10., made out to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. to Marjorie Lohnes, 7 Pine Hill Dr., Westminster, MD 21157. Be sure to clearly print your first and last names to be shown on the badge. Show your club pride and order your badge right away!



New Member Profile

We welcome our newest member who joined the club at the September meeting.

MARGARET (PEGGY) HOFFMAN STEERS

Peggy is well-known to many of our members and around the community as a friend and a realtor. She has been licensed in Maryland for 33 years, specializing in fine properties, estates and farms. Her interest in properties is evident in some of her special interests that include interior decorating, designing courtyard and terrace gardens, and restoring homes. She has a wide range of interests that include outdoor sports and travel to Europe, especially Wales the home of her ancestors.

Peggy will become a third-generation clubwomen. Both her mother and paternal grandmother were members of the GFWC club in Allegany County.



We welcome Peggy to our club and look forward to working with her as she uses her skills in event planning and fundraising as a club volunteer. She will be joining the publicity committee and her mentor will be her good friend, Karen Pelton.

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Membership Moment

At the September meeting Judi Martin-Johnson and Linda Witter, Co-Vice Presidents, wanted to know how well you knew them. Members had purple pompoms and lollipops to represent Judi and they had orange pompoms and lollipops to represent Linda. Questions were read by Jane Sharpe and members had to decide whether the question pertained to Judi (purple) or Linda (orange).

Now let's see how many you can get correct!

1. Who taught Service Learning to CCPS youth that were on long term suspensions? purple or orange
 2. Who taught swimming lessons to beginners? Judi or Linda
 3. Who was included in Girl Scouts for 32 years? purple or orange
 4. Who rode on an elephant and camel? Judi or Linda
 5. Who has put her hand in the Arctic Ocean? purple or orange
 6. Who went four-wheel joyriding in the sand dunes of Dubai? Judi or Linda
 7. Who shops at Consignment stores, thrift shops and dumpster dives? purple or orange
 8. Who has snowmobiled and took a dog sled ride? Judi or Linda
- Numbers 1, 3,6,7 are things that Judi (purple) has done.
Numbers 2, 4, 5, 8 are things that Linda (orange) has done.
Feel free to ask Judi and Linda about the things that they have done.

Member Birthdays this Month

Join us in celebrating the birthdays of these fine fellow club-women:

Evelyn Babylon.....	October 4
Beverly Humbert.....	October 5
Ginny Houser.....	October 7
Lois Gilbertson.....	October 9
Kathy Rittler	October 13
Dawn Thomas	October 15
Mary Dudderar.....	October 16
Joan Eichhorn.....	October 16
Jackie Hering.....	October 17
Jayne Stocksdales	October 19
Pat Harter	October 21
Lorraine Stoner.....	October 22
Trinka Cueman	October 25
Becky Barbour	October 26

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

New Members

We heartily welcome these new members to **GFWC Westminister**.



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Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **November** newsletter is **Tuesday, October 23rd**.