

JWCC News

The GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Maryland Inc.

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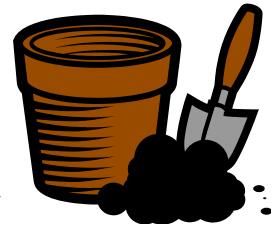
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President's Corner

The year is coming to a close. We have had a very successful and productive year. Thank you all for your sharing of gifts, talents, and time. We have impacted so many lives in so many ways, even our little furry friends at the animal shelter. To keep the tradition going, we will be planting flowers for the Women's Crisis Center at our May meeting. For those of you who haven't joined in the fun in past years, we plant many different kinds of flowers from hanging baskets to patio planters to house plants so that as the women leave the crisis center to begin a more hopeful housekeeping adventure, they take along with them a growing plant to add natural beauty to their new surroundings. Joyce,

as always, will be supplying the potting soil and newspapers. We will need all kinds and sizes of potting containers, house plants, blooming plants, and manpower. Bring along gloves and other items you may wish to use for planting.

We will be making final plans for our June dinner and our "Topless Carwash". I am in the process of changing the date of July 9 to early September. After committing to the July 9 date I was notified that our family



reunion will be that day. My father, soon to be 89, looks forward to this event so much. I just cannot miss our reunion and I wouldn't feel right not being there for the car wash. Since everyone will be making plans for vacation I thought by early fall everyone will be back in the swing of things, ready for a fun filled JWCC project. Hopefully I will have a new date by our May meeting.

The Annual GFWC Convention will be April 29-May 2. Joyce and Mary Beth will be there all weekend. I will be going for the Sunday events. I am writing this ahead as I will not be home until the wee hours of Monday and will need to be at work by 7:30. I knew I wouldn't have time to update my newsletter to reflect the happenings at Convention so we will report on this at the meeting.

Remember to bring:

- Plants/flowers, gardening tools
- Gift for your secret sister
- A friend or two

I hope you all had a blessed Easter holiday and are enjoying Spring as it pops up all around us. At the same time I hope you are all staying dry!

In Federation Friendship,

Terry

Western District Meeting

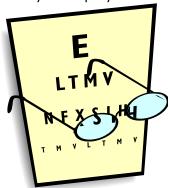
From your Western District President -

To my wonderful federated "Sisters",

My, how time does fly! It seems like it was only yesterday that I stood before you with shaky knees (you couldn't see them) and the "deer in the headlights" gaze as I looked out over the Western District members and our guests at my first official meeting in October.

Now, six months later, reports are done and submitted, Convention is here and I am in awe of all the great volunteer work you have done to benefit your communities. You may never know how many people you have touched or the lives you have changed through your hard work, tireless dedication, and hours and hours of volunteer service. It doesn't matter if you never know the number – what matters is that you cared enough to give so unselfishly, graciously, and willingly. And, the people whose lives you have touched and changed will never forget what you have done for them or how you made them feel. You made them feel like a person, not a number or a "thing". For that, I thank you.

It is already time for our annual Western District Meeting which will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Will 'O'The Wisp in Garrett County. I hope you will be able to attend and I look forward to seeing



you. Your donations of used glasses to the Lions Clubs for their sight projects have been great. I once heard it said that it is through the eyes of others that we see the world. I almost need sunglasses to gaze upon the amazingly wonderful volunteer sights that you women have shown me.

I take great pride in being able to say I represent each and every one of you as your Western District president. The shoes that walked before me in this position are shoes that I may never fill completely, but they

have left a deep enough impression to help make it easier for me to follow in their footsteps.

Keep up the good work and when I say "Hats Off to Volunteers" – I am honored to take my hat off to you.

Love & friendship,

Joyce

Mark the Date:

6/18-20/2011 GFWC Intl Convention, Milwaukee, WI

Do you have a great JWCC photo? If so, we want them for the newsletter. Please forward your digital photo to kimiller@verizon.net or bring a copy to a club meeting and we will scan and return.

Message from GFWC International President on Tornado Devastation in the South

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs is united in shared heartbreak and concern for our members, their communities, and all those who are affected by last week's devastating storms. We are currently reaching out to those states and areas most touched by the destruction. We are working to identify how, together, the Federation's collective impact can be best utilized, and we will communicate those plans and efforts as they are finalized. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the victims, survivors, and their communities." – Carlene A. Garner, GFWC International President

This Day in History

1776 - Rhode Island declares independence

1865 - Lincoln buried in Illinois

1965 - Willie Mays breaks National League home run record

1970 - National Guard kills four at Kent State

1979 - Margaret Thatcher sworn in

1984 - Bruce Springsteen releases "Pink Cadillac"

GFWC History

1965: GFWC was awarded a stamp by the United States Post Office in honor of its 75th anniversary.

(source www.gfwc.org)

Member Update

Joyce Race is retiring soon so please begin using her home e-mail address: aubie@verizon.net

Quote of the Month

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

~ Harriet Tubman

Happy Birthday Greetings

No April Birthdays. If you know of one I missed, I apologize for the omission. Let me know!

Recipe - Grapefruit Month

(source: Giada DeLaurentis, Food Network, www.foodnetwork.com)

Grapefruit, Onion and Basil Salad

Ingredients

- 2 grapefruits, trimmed of skin and cut into large slices
- 1/2 red onion, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup pitted chopped black olives
- 1 bunch basil, leaves thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 3 tablespoons aged balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Place the grapefruit slices in a slightly overlapping pattern on a serving platter. Sprinkle the onion slices over the grapefruit. Then sprinkle the olives. Top with the basil and chives. Drizzle the balsamic vinegar and olive oil over the salad. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and serve.