



Newsletter: August 2016

August Picnic

Our August Picnic is just around the corner!



Jan Ober reminds us that the first event of our 2016-2017 club year is our **Annual Picnic!** Always held on the last Tuesday in August, our picnic will be fairly late in the month: on **Tuesday, August 30th**. We'll gather at **5pm**, start eating by 5:15pm, and adjourn about **7pm**.

What to Bring

Please **bring a dish** appropriate for serving **no more than 8 people**. According to the first letter of your **last** name, you should bring:

- A-DDessert
- E-L.....Salad
- M-ZMain Dish

We'll provide beverages and paper goods.



Program

Besides **good fellowship**, we look forward to enjoying a brief review of the **exciting year ahead of us!**

We'll have two guest speakers. **Shannon Gibbons**, winner of the **HOBY Scholarship**, will open our picnic with a few remarks. **Lee Primm**, the new Director of Development and Major Gifts for **The Arc Carroll County**, will share with us the inspiration he's found in the high quality programs and services enthusiastically provided by The Arc's staff to its many clients.

Location Information

We've found King Park to be an ideal location for kicking off our club years! So we'll gather again at **King Park**, a City of Westminster Park off of the western part of Chase Street (parallel to Green Street). (*address: Chase Street, Westminster, 21157; directions below*)

We've again arranged for the **covered pavilion**, which is right next to the park's driveway, with tables and benches for us all. You can **park** either in the park's lot or along the cul de sac near the park. The **terrain is flat** and there are **restrooms** close by.

Yearbooks

We will be passing out our yearbooks at the picnic, so be sure to either get yours or ask someone to pick yours up for you.

Directions

- ✓ Take **Route 27** south, beyond the intersection with Main Street.
- ✓ Take the **3rd right** off of Route 27 after crossing Main Street, onto **Chase Street**.
- ✓ King Park will be just ahead of you.

Hope to see all of you there!





A Message from Our Presidents

Greetings from the Control Tower of our 2016-2017 Co-Presidents:
Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

The Coming Year

It has been a busy summer, starting with the convention, various committee meetings and, of course, some vacation time. Our expectations for this year are to develop leadership, serve others – and live the volunteer spirit!

Our Club's 2016-2017 Focus

The board chose **Domestic Violence and Community Education** as our focus for this year. The following tag line was written collaboratively by your Presidents (*Barbara and Norma Jean*) and Vice-Presidents; (*Beverly Humbert and Nancy Porter*).

“What you don't KNOW can HURT her.
What you LEARN can HELP her.
What you DO can SAVE her.”

We are looking forward to a **fUN, HaPPy**, and **POSITIVE** year with all of you, the treasured members of our *GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster!*

Fundraising Committee

Flea Market on September 3rd

Pat Harter reports that our **Flea Market** at the **Shipley Center** in Westminster will be held on **Saturday, September 3rd** from **8am - 2pm**. We hope to have a lot of nice donations and that you gals will come out and shop!

We Need Your Wonderful Donations!

Suggestions: These sold well before. Pat added **Garden** and **Christmas** sections this year:

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| Jewelry: <i>packaged in small plastic baggies, if possible</i> | Household: small decorative items; glassware; small items of furniture; antiques! |
| Children: toys! and books | Garden: fancy planters; statues; garden décor; flower pots |
| Entertainment: books, particularly best-sellers; movie DVDs | Christmas: decorations; holiday gift items |
| Kitchen / Bath: décor; small appliances and tools | |

Your rule of thumb in choosing your items to donate for the flea market:
Would you be excited to buy the item you donate?

Drop off your items at the **Shipley Arena** on **Friday, September 2nd** from **2pm - 6pm**. We'll have volunteers available to receive your donations and bring them to our area.



Can You Volunteer a Couple of Hours?

Pat **needs volunteers** for the following shifts to make the Flea Market a success:

Friday, September 2nd – Accept Donations at Drop-Off

We need volunteers to help with receiving the items our members drop off and arrange them for display at our booths.

What For	Shift Hours	# needed
Accept Donated Items.....	2pm – 4pm	4
	4pm – 6pm	4



Saturday, September 3rd – Manage the Booth

What For	Shift Hours	# needed
Run the Booth.....	8am – 10am	4
	10am – noon	4
	noon – 2pm	4
Clean-up After.....	2pm – ?	4

To sign up to volunteer, please email Pat at VictorianTrader@verizon.net or give her a call at **410-346-7020**. She'll also have the **sign up sheets** available for you to volunteer **at the picnic**.

Let's hope for a successful shopping experience!

Silent Auction

Bev Humbert reports the **Silent Auction** will again be held at our **Holiday Luncheon** in December. Please be on the lookout for **quality, like-new items** you may wish to donate for the event. If you have a relative or friend who is down-sizing, please consider approaching her for items that would also be acceptable for our auction.

We'll also assemble assorted **gift baskets** to sell again this year. Be prepared at the August picnic to pick up **donor cards** for you to purchase items to fill those baskets.

It should be a wonderful, fun-filled, fundraising event again this year!

Christmas Ornament 2016

We are extremely pleased to announce the Westminster landmark for our **golden holiday ornament** this year will be the **Carroll County Farm Museum's 1853 Almshouse!** As you may know, the Almshouse served as a place for the poor and needy to reside in Carroll County from 1853 to 1965. We are honored that the Tourism Department is as thrilled with the idea of using the house for our ornament this year as we are in presenting the idea to you. Watch for a future announcement regarding a tour of the Almshouse in December.

Arts CSP

Art Show: Summer Breeze

The **ARTS CSP** hung the show **Summer Breeze** at the Nonprofit Center on July 5th, where it will remain until early October. Don't miss this bright and energetic collection of fine works!



Arts CSP Luncheon Meeting

Carolyn Seabolt and **Clare Berent** report that the **ARTS CSP** will be meeting to plan activities and sub-committee construction for the next club year. We'll gather at **noon** on **Thursday, August 25th**, at **Liberatore's** (140 Village Shopping Center, near Big Lots). We hope that many of you can make it so we can get as much of your valuable input as possible.

Committee members, please **let us know if you can make it – or not –** so we plan accordingly. Respond to:

CarolynCatTracksStudio@gmail.com..... 410-848-1452

ClareBerentLC@aol.com..... 410-386-0750

Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's

Boscov's has designed a program called **Friends Helping Friends** to help non-profits (like us!) to earn money. It provides the group with **Shopping Passes** to sell for **\$5** each to its members and friends. Then, on **Tuesday, October 18th** from **9am - 11pm**, Boscov's advertises **a special day filled with fun** where holders of these **Shopping Passes** get **25%** off of almost every item in the store! Plus, Boscov's will be offering fabulous prizes and providing refreshments and entertainment throughout the day. (You can read more about the program at <https://www.boscovs.com/wcsstore/boscovs/images/html/community/community.html>)

The **ARTS CSP** is excited to have signed us up to participate this year. Everyone wins! You get 25% off what you buy; GFWC gets \$5 to help support the arts in our community; and Boscov's gets a store full of happy shoppers.

So start that list of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, thank-you gifts, hostess gifts – and, of course, holiday giving! – so you can make the most of your savings! You can buy your **Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass** for **\$5** from the **ARTS CSP** at our **picnic** on August 30th.

September Song: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat



The **September Song Musical Theater** will present **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat** at **Carroll Arts Center** over Labor Day weekend with our own **Joan Eichhorn** as Executive Producer.

About the Show

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat is a family-friendly musical based on the Bible story of Joseph and his dreamcoat. Enjoy the wonderful voices, great dancing, and out-of-this world music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, with musical direction by **Diane Jones** of the Children's Chorus of Carroll County. Funny and heartwarming, you'll be tapping your feet to the incredible dancing and music, performed by our 40-member cast!

Dates and Times

You have a number of performances to choose from over Labor Day weekend!

	<u>Matinee</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<u>Friday</u>	September 2 nd	8pm
<u>Saturday</u>	September 3 rd	3pm 8pm
<u>Sunday</u>	September 4 th	3pm
<u>Monday</u>	September 5 th	3pm





Tickets to See Joseph...

Joan suggests you get your tickets ahead of time because the Carroll Arts Center is a smaller venue than September Song usually has. Purchase them at the **Carroll Arts Center** or online at www.SeptemberSong.org.

Education CSP

Jackie Hering reports that the **EDUCATION CSP** will accept **monetary donations** for the **Back-to-School Backpacks**. You can donate at the picnic on **August 30th**, the **Executive Board** meeting on **September 6th**, and at our **September 13th general club meeting**.

We've already filled and delivered **twelve** to **Shepherd's Staff!** We're now assembling twelve more to take to **Taneytown Elementary School** in cooperation with **HOME LIFE's** program there. But we need your donations to fill all the backpacks we have on our list.

International Outreach CSP



UNICEF in September

Linda Kjeldgaard and **Sally Marks** remind us that **September is UNICEF Month** for our club. So, please bring a **monetary donation** to our **club meeting** on **September 13th**.

For over six decades, GFWC has supported UNICEF's efforts to ensure access to clean water, proper sanitation facilities, health services, education, and protection for the world's most vulnerable children. UNICEF works to give a fair chance in life to every child, everywhere, especially to the most disadvantaged. **90% of all donations** go to helping with child issues around the world.

UNICEF and GFWC Join Forces!

In June 2015, **GFWC** and the **U.S. Fund for UNICEF** launched a new **partnership** dedicated to supporting and participating in UNICEF's **End Trafficking** Project, which works to **stop** Child Trafficking. Shockingly, **thousands of children are trafficked right here in the United States. These kids are not criminals, they are victims. Give them what they need to go from victims to survivors.** Go to <https://www.unicefusa.org/mission/protect/trafficking/end> to learn more about this project.

SERRV

We have no scheduled service days for SERRV at this time. We will continue volunteering, but each month will be dependent on shipments arriving from overseas.

Book Browsers

We welcome **Gini Bosse** as the new **Chair** of **BOOK BROWERS!** Gini reports that the first meeting this season of the Book Browsers will be **Monday, September 19th at 10am.** **Jackie Hering** will lead our discussion of **My Name Is Lucy Barton** by **Elizabeth Strout**. Join us for our discussion at the home of **Trinka Cueman**



If you are a regular attendee but won't be coming, or if you are coming for the first time, please call Trinka at **410-848-8236**.





Home Life CSP

Domestic Violence Awareness Training

Mary Dudderar and Jean Picardi report that our club will be assisting **Family and Children's Services** on a very important event that corresponds with our club's 2016 focus on **Domestic Violence and Community Education**. The October event will be **Domestic Violence Awareness Training**.

Event Details

- What:* Domestic Violence Awareness Training
- Where:* Carroll County Non-Profit Center
- Date:* Monday, October 3rd
- Time:* 8:30am – 12pm (noon)
- Cost:* **\$15** per person - or - **\$25** for CEUs (3)
- Invited:* Teachers/educators, mental healthcare providers, general public
- Sponsors:* **FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (FCS);** 
and *GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.* 
- Benefits:* FCS's Westminster Domestic Violence Safe House
- Register:* use form attached or online at <http://www.FCSmd.org/> (under the event calendar)
- Contact:* Kelley A. Rainey; 410-876-1233 [phone]; Krainey@fcsmd.org [email]

Our Participation

We are responsible for **publicity, refreshments, and getting information out** about the training. The **Junior Woman's Club** will also help with recruiting participants.

We encourage all members to attend. See the attached flyer for more information.

Home Life Meeting

We will hold an important **HOME LIFE** meeting to discuss plans for the Domestic Violence Awareness Training event and our plans for the coming year.

We'll meet **Thursday, August 18th** at the **Blue Bistro** (*located in the strip mall behind the 140 Village Shopping Center*) from **9am -10:30am**. Lorraine Stoner has kindly worked with her daughter, owner of Blue Bistro, to get us a great breakfast menu including breakfast wraps, fruit, and drinks for only **\$12**. Please let Jean or Mary know if you plan to attend.

School Supplies for Taneytown Elementary School

The **HOME LIFE CSP** will once again work with the **EDUCATION CSP** to provide school supplies and needed clothing for **Taneytown Elementary**. As we've learned, this school has many students in need but their parents often don't (or can't) make use of the wonderful **Back-to-School Backpacks** program at Shepherd's Staff. So we are targeting this school in particular to help these children in need.

We'll be collecting **school supplies** and **monetary donations** at the **August picnic** and at the **September general meeting**. We are grateful for your generosity.



Nuts to That!

Our ever-popular **nut sales** are continuing on-line! We'll also have information available at our **August picnic** and we'll begin to take orders at the **September meeting**.

GFWC Western District News

Jo Harp reports that **GFWC Western District, Inc.** invites the women of our club to attend the fall Board of Directors meeting on **Tuesday, October 18th**. The hostesses will be the GFWC Western Maryland Community Club. We'll have more information about the location and menu in coming weeks.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to **meet new club women** and **learn about the different levels of GFWC Maryland**. As an added bonus, the fall foliage should be at its brightest! Gather a car full of your friends and make it a day of beauty and sisterhood in GFWC. Hope to see **all** of you in Western Maryland!

State Board Meeting

The **GFWC State Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th** and will be hosted by the Baltimore District at Sparrows Point Country Club.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ PUBLIC ISSUES CSP
- ✓ BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE
- ✓ PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
- ✓ BY-LAWS-COMMITTEE

Junior Woman's Club of Westminster (JWC)

Junior Club Honors Our Club!

The *Junior Woman's Club of Westminster* nominated our Club to be considered as a contender for the **Non-Profit Philanthropist Organization of the Year** in Carroll County! **Dolly Snyder, Ginny Houser, Norma Jean Swam, Barbara Humbert, and Mary Lou Poirier** prepared the extensive application form and Mary Lou typed up the assembled information. Additionally, several community organizations wrote letters of support for our nomination.

The entire application will be considered by the **Community Foundation of Carroll County** and they will choose a **winner in the fall**. Our club will be recognized at a breakfast meeting to be held for the announcement and to recognize the organizations considered.

We express our appreciation to the Junior Club and to those club members who prepared the application. Thank you! We are honored.

Junior Woman's Club (continued on next page)



Junior Club's Everything Children Consignment Sale



About the Sale

The Junior Woman's Club of Westminster will be holding their annual **Everything Children Consignment Sale** on **Saturday, August 20th** at the **Shipley Arena** from **7am - 1pm**. You can always find great buys of excellent quality at the Junior's Consignment Sale! Choose from maternity clothes; children's play, school, and dress clothes; children's shoes, books, and sporting equipment; and baby equipment like pack-n-play, swings, and strollers. For more information, see the attached flyer or go to <http://TinyURL.com/jwcwkidsconsign>.

Our Help is Needed! Please Volunteer

If you can volunteer for even a short time, your help will be much appreciated. Contact:

Jamie Miller 443-401-2194 Remmy1401@yahoo.com

Leslie Krebs 410-259-1558 LeslieKW7@gmail.com

Here are the times they have asked for our assistance:

Most Pressing Need: Saturday, After the Sale

Jamie writes *We are in desperate need on **Saturday** from **1-3** to help with sorting for pick up.* This is **after the sale**, to sort the clothes that need to be returned to the consigners. They will work with us to make the work less strenuous.

Friday, Preparations

Leslie writes that they also need help late **Friday** afternoon, **after 4pm**. *The tables & racks will be set up so the items will need to get put in the appropriate places for the sale.*

Also Needed: Saturday During the Sale

***Saturday morning (7am)** we could use some **baggers**. This is sitting with the cashier & putting the items in a bag.*

Norma Jean adds that during the sale hours on **Saturday**, from **7am - 1pm**, they could use your *help in the **kitchen** to keep the area tidy and organized.*

Member to Member

After Olympics Party! for Carroll Hospital Center Auxiliary

Barb Gunther wants us all to know that **Carroll Hospital Center Auxiliary's** first **Charity Day** will be held at **The Stables** (*452 East Main Street in Westminster*) on **Saturday, August 27th**. Stables will donate **10% of all food sales** that day – from breakfast (7am) to closing time – to the Auxiliary's fundraising goal. Plus, our **After Olympics Party** will feature the east coast's premier party rock band, **Wylde Fire!**

The Auxiliary's pledge this year is **\$350,000**. The funds we raise will help the hospital purchase two state-of-the-art **digital x-ray machines**, which provide health-care providers with instantaneous results. One machine will be used throughout the hospital while the second will be designated specifically for the **Family Birth Place**.

We will greatly appreciate your help in making this an over-the-top fundraiser! See the attached flyer for more information and forward it to everyone you know – post it on Facebook, Instagram, and beyond! Call 410-871-7280 for more information.



Call for Support for Devastating West Virginia Flooding

Ginny Houser calls our attention to the devastation in **West Virginia** from **flooding**. Numerous homes, schools, businesses, and entire towns have been destroyed by the late June floods there. The Greenbrier is also the location of SER Conference in November. Country singer **Brad Paisley** has set up a Go Fund Me page on Facebook and has said the following:

On June 23rd, my home state of West Virginia experienced tremendous flooding that killed over 20 people and destroyed entire small towns. Three counties have been declared federal disasters and 44 of the 55 counties have been declared in a state of emergency. Now that the waters are receding it's time to pitch in and help in any way we can. One of the best ways I have found that hopefully will raise the largest amount of money the quickest and get it to the people in need the fastest is through GoFundMe.

I have set a goal of \$1 million -- this is doable and only a small portion of what is needed.

All funds donated will be distributed through West Virginia Flood Relief 2016 - The Brad Paisley Foundation at WESBANCO Trust Department in Wheeling, WV.

So far over **\$640,000** has been raised. Ginny would like our Club to contribute in helping others who so desperately need it. She will collect **your donations** at the **August picnic** and then make a contribution on behalf of the Club as one lump sum. Please contact Ginny by phone at 410-848-2441 or email AerobicGinny@gmail.com with the amount of money you'd like to contribute so she can determine if the interest is there. Thank you.

Member Birthdays this Month

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

JoAnn Barlow.....	August 14	Susan Thomas.....	August 22
Barbara Vransy	August 15	Jane Sharpe.....	August 24
Barbara Humbert	August 16	Dorris Whitford	August 25

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following change:

Phone Number Change

Nancy Porter..... Only call her cell: 410-596-2639 (*has disconnected home phone*)

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **September, 2016** newsletter is **Thursday, August 25th**.
- ✓ Be sure to read our little **Fine Print Box** at the end of each Newsletter!

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminster Newsletter** editors are **Debbie Schaeffer** (assemble submissions, initial draft) and **Becky Barbour** (final editing and formatting, email distribution). We publish the newsletter **ten times per year**, with a break during the summer months of June and July. We **distribute** the newsletters to our members on or about the **first Tuesday** of the month, or one week before each of our meetings. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Debbie Schaeffer** (m-dschae@comcast.net) by the **25th of the month** preceding publication.