



2021

GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster

THE CO-PRESIDENTS COLUMN:

Our ZOOM meeting in January was a delight with thirty-six clubwomen participating. Please mark on your calendar that we will have a ZOOM club meeting on February 9th with social time at 12 noon and the actual meeting beginning at 12:30. We hope to have a speaker for that meeting.

Many thanks to all the Chairs who sent their reports to Marjorie. Marjorie did an excellent job of editing, formatting, calculating data and sending off our reports before the due date. Our club does amazing projects to benefit our local community and beyond!

Hopefully, you all remain safe and well.

Norma Jean and Linda

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 7 – Super Bowl

Tuesday, February 9 – General Meeting, Zoom 12:00 noon

Sunday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 16 – Md. Federation of Women's Club, Board of Directors Mtg. 10:30 Zoom

Tuesday, February 23 – Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 2 – Board Meeting, 9:30 am

Tuesday, March 9 – Business Meeting

Happy Valentine's Day

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Good news! Our club's 2020 report is completed and has been submitted to MFWC. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this happen. Thank you for taking the time to look up (or figure out) the hours that you spent in

accomplishing the work of our club and the items or dollars that you donated. Special thanks to all four co-presidents from 2018 to present: Clare, Linda K., Norma Jean and Linda W. Even in this unprecedented year when we were not together as usual, we were able to make a difference and even implemented some projects to help in our community that we might not have done in another year. We will be excited to share the highlights of the 2020 calendar year for GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster at our February Zoom meeting. Don't miss it; you will be surprised and impressed.

Speaking of reporting, for those who attended the January Zoom meeting, Marjorie shared some ideas for getting off on the right foot now to document your work in 2021. It will make the reporting process easier next December and January. These ideas are listed here as a reminder and for your reference.

- ❖ For everyone, take the time to record what you do for club: the time spent, and funds donated or money used to purchase items that you contributed—for example, if you dropped off a donation for the MLK day of service, you should record what you purchased, how much time the activity took, and how much you spent. This is an in-kind donation. (Log form attached to this email with this newsletter.)
- ❖ If you are a CSP or committee chair, hold on to the spreadsheets of your budget that the treasurer provides. When questions arise, following the money trail helps us to remember what projects were being addressed and what organizations you were helping or engaging in partnership.

Thank you for your commitment to the work of the club and for all that you do for our community. See attached copy of the log at end of newsletters.

Ellen and Marjorie

A MESSAGE FROM CLARE

In a club that has as many vibrant and multi-talented members as ours, it is a special honor to be chosen as this year's Clubwoman of the Year. I appreciate the mentorship extended to me and the opportunities to lead and to grow. I have learned so much from everyone as we planned and executed our projects and treasure the fun and friendship along the way. Thank you so much for this distinction. Clare

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

AWCPP

The Committee will not collect for the American Warriors Care Package Project in February. We will have this collection later in the year so the donations can be included in boxes sent to overseas troop this fall.

FOOD DRIVE

The food drive will be tied to the Soles 4 Souls donation drop off in April. We are hoping it could be even larger than in the past since we will not be able to meet in person. All the donations will be taken to Carroll Co Food Sunday after this drop-off. Small containers of fruit are very helpful for children's servings. Food that can be microwaved for families in housing that does not have full cooking facilities is another suggestion.



Watch for April Announcement. Start gathering Shoes now.

LITTLE DRESSES

Our first shipment of 60 "Little Dresses" will be donated to "Wings of Faith" in early February, a non-profit, all volunteer organization that supplies goods and services to 9 Native American Tribes, predominantly Navajo and Apache in the Southwest U.S. The organization uses a team of volunteers to pilot light aircraft and drive ground vehicles to transport food, clothing and medical supplies to those who need it most.

In 2020, a total of 280 "Little Dresses," 120 girls' panties, and 101 boys' shorts were sent to a number of Latin American and African nations. We look forward to resuming many shipments abroad in 2021, once travel restrictions are lifted across the globe.



MANY THANKS TO THOSE CONTRIBUTED ON JANUARY 6TH.

The MLK project was well received and because of the generous monies donated, we were able to create 6 large bags of snacks for Carroll Hospital staff members and 2 for the fire departments in Taneytown. There was money left over that will enable us to run this project on a similar and smaller scale in March. Thanks again.



NEW ADDRESSES

Make correction in your directory.

Judi Martin-Johnson
121 N Springdale Rd
Westminster MD 21158

Suzanne Albert <suzannealbert@comcast.net>:
2328 Sykesville Road
Westminster, MD 21157.



Remember to check your email sent from Linda Kjeldgaard for an updated copy of the GFWC directory.

MEMBER PROFILE Guess Who?

I was born in a rural area near Tazewell, Virginia and grew up on the family farm where my time was spent helping to keep things going. My early education was spent in a two room schoolhouse. After graduation I spent one year at Radford College and then transferred to WMC where I earned my B.A. and M.E. degrees. There I met my husband. Together we have two sons who live in Carroll County. For several years I was employed as a high school teacher by Baltimore and Carroll County Schools before retiring to be a stay at home mom. Fate stepped in and I was offered a position as a preschool director and teacher where I remained for twenty years. My desire for serving others sent me to Towson College to study psychology. Unfortunately, illness prevented me from completing the program. My passion for gardening led me to membership in the Carroll Garden Club, where I served as president for two years. Opportunities in the GFWC of Westminster allow me to continue by desire to do volunteer work. As a fan of the outdoors, my hobbies over the years include tennis, cycling, swimming and skiing. Today, playing bridge fulfills my desire to be with others.

Who Am I? Answer at the end of the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Kidder February 13
KiKi Banks February 26

February 3: Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Webinar Johns Hopkins Medicine is offering its webinar on COVID-19 again as part of its *A Woman's Journey* series. This remote live program will present and discuss public health measures, vaccine safety, and the lingering effects of COVID-19. Visit the [Johns Hopkins website](#) to register.



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Evelyn Schaeffer at the age of 92. She is the mother-in-law of our club member, Debbie Schaeffer and was a long time member herself before having to retire from active membership. She will be greatly missed.



Did you guess who the member profile was?

Nancy Heiberg

