



2021

## *GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster*

**"Opportunities of Kindness Will Help Us to Persevere!"**

### **THE CO-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Our next meeting will be a business meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Hope many of you will attend the Social Time from 12-12:30 pm. It was such a treat last month to see so many of you. The official meeting will begin at 12:30 pm.

Lynn Wheeler will send the log-in number you need to dial into Zoom, and a reminder will be sent the morning of the meeting by Clare Berent.

During this social time, if you are able please offer the name and brief critique of a favorite book you've read recently that might be of interest to others.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tuesday, March 2 – Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss**

**Tuesday, March 9 – Business Meeting, Zoom, 12:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's**

**Wednesday, March 17 - Pack bags- Time TBA**

**April 16, GFWC Md. Convention Jr. Fun Night, Held Virtually**

**April 17, GFWC Md. 121 General-Jr. Annual Convention, Held Virtually**

**April 24 – Federation Day**

On February 16, 2021, Babs Condon, Jackie Hering, Linda Kjeldgaard and Norma Jean Swam attended the two hour zoom meeting of the MFWC. More about this virtual meeting will be shared during our March 9<sup>th</sup> business meeting.



## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Check out the last page of the newsletter for a copy of the AWESOME GFWC Westminster statistics for 2020.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### CIVIC Engagement and Outreach

Women's History Month -

The Equal Rights Amendment: Are we there yet?  
Hope Royer, WHRC Committee Chairman



*The answer is a resounding “no!”*

*The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is not a long amendment made confusing by rhetoric. It is a brief, simply worded, three-section proposal:*

**Section 1.** *Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.*

**Section 2.** *Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.*

**Section 3.** *This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.*

*The ERA was passed by Congress in 1972 and sent to the states for ratification. It was the culmination of a nearly 40-year fight – a fight that appears to be far from over. When the legislation was passed in 1972, it included a seven-year deadline. The ERA failed to achieve the requisite number of state ratifications by the required deadline, so ERA advocates convinced Congress to extend the deadline until 1982. However, the ERA failed, again, in 1982, just three states short of the 38 needed for ratification. It has been at a stalemate since.*

*The ERA Coalition and Fund for Women's Equality composed a letter in December 2020, to the incoming administration documenting the urgency of ratification, requesting a pledge from the new administration to encourage publication and certification of the ratification, and removal of the deadline. At the request of the ERA Coalition D.C. Director/Director of Outreach and Advocacy, and in support of the Coalition's effort, GFWC International President Marian St.Clair added the name of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the list of organizations that support the ERA.*

*Plan to attend the Women's History Month Event on March 3 to hear Sara Hammel speak about her book and experiences. A sneak preview of Sara's book is available in the [GFWC Member Portal](#) for clubwomen, located under the "S" Resources folder in the Digital Library. Event registration details will be announced in News & Notes.*

## MLK PROJECT

With money remaining, we will support Access Carroll on March 17 to show our appreciation to their volunteers. We plan to fill green bags with treats to say thank you from GFWC Westminster.

**BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:** if anyone has any ideas on how to spend our beneficiary money for the year please notify Jane Sharpe or Karen Soisson before March 1st. We would like to vote on this at our March 9th meeting. As a reminder, the Beneficiary Committee directs annual contributions to qualified 501©3 organizations. The funds cannot benefit a member or a member's family and cannot be donated to the club's Scholarship Endowment Fund. Thank you.

## GFWC PROVIDES MEALS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKERS

The GFWC Women's Club of Westminster assisted the Habitat for Humanity ReStore by providing over 100 meals to the volunteer crew completing the construction for their reopening on March 6, 2021. Meals were provided to crew members each day from January 18th to February 13th. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center. They are in the former Antique Mall near Random House. All proceeds are dedicated to the health and wellness of Carroll County, and the GFWC club was happy to assist in this positive endeavor.





Who Am I?

## MEMBER PROFILE

I was born in the Champagne region of France. My Dad was in the Air Force and met and married my Mom, who was French, when she worked on the base as a secretary. We moved around a lot due to the Air Force. I was raised bi-lingual and started school in France. I have lived in Germany and several of our United States—Arizona, New York, Florida, Texas, and I finally settled in Baltimore, Maryland when I was about 13. I attended the University of Maryland College Park and got a degree in Anthropology. After college, I worked at Westinghouse Electric in Hunt Valley Maryland where I met my husband. Soon I completed my Masters in Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University. When first married, we lived in Timonium, but moved to Carroll County in 1986. This move was very hard for me. I was definitely a city girl and did not like being so far from stores, restaurants, and my friends and did not embrace all of the yard work that comes with owning an acre of land. After a few years and meeting some new friends through my children, I started to love living “in the country”. I still haven’t embraced gardening though I do like to plant annuals in the Spring. As an avid reader I try to read a book every week or two. I was very involved with the Carroll County Camera Club for several years and still enjoy photography as a hobby. Pre-Covid, I attended many author book signing events on a regular basis. For almost 25 years I worked at the Social Security Administration Headquarters in Baltimore ending my career as Director for the Office of Continuous Improvement. Following retirement in 2016, I started volunteering locally at Habitat for Humanity and the Carroll County Literacy Council. I started working part time for the Kahlert Foundation in January 2017. I’m still continuing my part time work and keeping up my role as a Board member of the Literacy Council.

[Look for the leprechaun at the end of the newsletter to tell you your member’s identity.](#)



**Carolyn Seabolt, March 1**

**Theresa Boyd, March 27**



## GENERAL GFWC WESTMINSTER NEWS

Janet Riley Colburn, 78, of Adamstown, Maryland, formerly of New Windsor, Maryland, died on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Buckingham's Choice. Janet was the sister to our Co-Vice President, Marjorie Lohnes. Our sympathies go out to Marjorie and her extended family.

*Email Correction: Please update your directory.  
New email address for Marjorie - [marjorie.lohnes@outlook.com](mailto:marjorie.lohnes@outlook.com)*



**Surprise! Our Member Profile member is  
Sandy Sidlovsky.**



## GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. Statistics for January - December 2020

GFWC & GFWC-MD SPECIFIC PROJECT REPORTS	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donation	Narrative Enclosed
<b>GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION</b>						
Community Service Projects	1	75	15	\$210	\$215	X
<b>GFWC JUNIOR SPECIAL PROJECT: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN</b>						
Community Service Projects	1	75	1	\$1000	0	X
<b>ARTS AND CULTURE</b>						
Community Service Projects	7	75	38	\$520	\$100	X
<b>CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH</b>						
Community Service Projects	8	75	877	\$1745	\$2141	X
<b>EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES</b>						
Community Service Projects	8	75	214	\$4000	\$10,725	X



<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>						
Community Service Projects	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$82</b>	X
<b>HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b>						
Community Service Projects	<b>8</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>\$930</b>	<b>\$5658</b>	X
<b>GFWC ADVANCEMENT AREAS</b>	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Spent		Narrative
<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0</b>		X
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1679</b>	<b>\$50</b>		X
<b>LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>		X
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>0</b>		X
<b>WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER</b>						

<b>FUNDRAISING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Raised	Narrative Enclosed
Club Fundraisers	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>\$2919</b>	X
<b>MARYLAND SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	Number of Projects	# Members Participating	Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	Narrative Enclosed
MD President's Special Project	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	X
Tree Mendous Maryland					
Save the Bay	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$100</b>	X
ESO -Epsilon Sigma Omicron		<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>		

<b>Totals</b>	No of Projects <b>65</b>	Members Participating <b>75</b>	Volunteer Hours <b>4346</b>	In-Kind Donations <b>\$18,921</b>	Dollars Donated <b>\$8505</b>	Dollars Raised <b>\$2,919</b>
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**Independent Sector** values an hour of volunteering in MD at \$29.51. By working 4356 hours, we have donated **\$128,545 to our community.**

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