



# Petal Power



GFWC JOPPATOWNE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

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December 2014

## President's Message

My Dear Club Sisters,

I cannot believe 2014 is coming to an end, my how this year has come and gone! It's been a good year for our club, we have welcomed 5 new members this year.

Our Christmas raffle tickets are **SOLD OUT!** Our ladies are enjoying the gift-wrapping at Boscov's (tip donations have been good) and the ladies doing this for the first time are having fun.

We have had sadness with the passing of a true and great member of our club, Delores (Dee) Martin. What a lovely person, she will be greatly missed. Please continue to keep her husband, Craig, in your prayers.

As this first part of my administration is coming to a close, I am looking forward to the rest of my term being leader at the helm. Hoping the New Year will bring us peace, good health and more new members!

I am looking forward to our Bingo in March at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, more information later. We will be having our Annual Tea on May 9<sup>th</sup> - be on the lookout for ticket sales for both of these exciting events.

Thanking in advance, all the club members that help with selling the raffle tickets and the wrapping at Boscov's!

Merry Christmas to Everyone!!

Dottie Bishoff

443-402-1421

Don't let negative people steal your Joy. When you lose your Joy, you lose your strength. ~Joel Osteen



Are you a member of Facebook? Help us spread the news of all the great work we do and attract new members by liking us on Facebook!

*Petal Power submissions are due by the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month!*

## Merry Christmas!

The first artificial Christmas Tree was made out of goose feathers that were dyed!

The term "Xmas" comes from Greece. In Greek, the symbol "X" is for Christ. The Christmas Stocking got its start when three unmarried girls did their laundry and hung their stockings on the chimney to dry. They couldn't marry because they had no dowry. St. Nicholas, who knew of their plight, put a sack of gold in each stocking. In the morning, the girls awoke to discover they now had dowry's and could marry!

Worldwide, 2.1 billion Christians celebrate Christmas.

The most popular Christmas song ever is "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

*And we do... Wish you a Merry Christmas from the Joppatowne Woman's Club!*



*Bring an unwrapped new toy or gift to the Christmas Dinner!*



### Hospitality

Madeleine Murphy  
410-569-0477

Dinners are \$25.00. Please call in your dinner order to one of the ladies listed below by noon on the Saturday before the meeting. If you have to cancel, please do not call the restaurant. Call Madeleine.

The December 11th dinners are: Prime Rib, Crab Cake or Plain Chicken

Hostesses: Betty Meidinger (443-922-7706) or Kathy Selle (410-679-6540)

### Programs

Betty Manthei  
410-679-4653

Don't forget for our monthly meetings - **THIS MONTH** social time at **5:30pm** to pay for dinner and buy raffle tickets, the **meeting will start at 6:30 pm.**

*Bring an unwrapped new toy or gift to the Christmas Dinner on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Someone from the Sheriff's Office will be there to collect them.*

*If you would like to participate in the gift card exchange - please put your name on the inside, so the person who picks your card will know whom to thank. It was suggested that the gift card be no more than \$15, it can be less.*

## Membership



We initiated new members Sherry Maxwell and Carol Harrison. We are up to four new members in 2014!



## Conservation

Jeanette Petric      Maureen Cornett  
410-679-0959      410-676-4428

Thanks to Maureen, Dottie, Barbara Knapp, Barbara Ledford, and Jim, who helped to clean our section of road for Adopt-a-Road!

Continue saving your pull tabs, small rugs, blankets, and cat and dog food and used eyeglasses. Bring them to our meetings.

Oysters - Oysters are very important for cleaning our Bay! They filter algae, sediment and other pollutants. Adult oysters can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day!

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation along with volunteers have worked to protect and restore oysters in the Bay.

Oysters can be eaten raw, fried, in stew, and in stuffing. My favorite is Oysters Casino! (See Recipe Below!)

## Education

Barbara Ledford  
410-679-1166

We have begun our reading program! This ladies reading this year are Dottie Bishoff, Barbara Albers, Rosemary Sebula, Laura Halverson, Karen Conte, Diane Raycob and myself. If I have left anyone out, please let me know. If you can help, you can pick your days and times when we have the meeting at school.

## Home Life

Barbara Albers  
410-679-5260

The "wrap party" for the Brunch with Santa was held at the home of Betty Meidinger's house on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We ate a delicious supper and wrapped the gifts for the children. The brunch this year will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am and ending approximately at 12:30 pm. This is a fun project! See you there!

Our committee will schedule a meeting in January to plan the remainder of the year.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you and your family.



## Public Issues

Barbara Knapp  
410-679-4330

Christmas Toy Drive - We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for needy children (ages 4-14) at our December General Meeting. The toys will be accepted by Captain Thomas who heads the toy drive for the Harford County Sheriff's Office. Captain Thomas will give some brief remarks between 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm, please have your donations on hand by 6:30 pm. Let's make a disadvantaged child's Christmas special. Thanks Jeanette for making this project possible.

Candy for Our Troops - Your donation of 12.5 pounds of candy was taken to Abingdon Family Dentistry on November 14. Our donation was bundled with donations from others and shipped to California. The California distribution site will make certain the candy reaches our troops serving overseas. Thanks for your support. By the way, the dentist office collected over 100 pounds of candy last year. Thank you Sue for coordinating this project.

Joppatowne Public Library - Barbara Ledford and Barbara Knapp spent 2 hours at the library to remove books from circulation. They also sorted and shelved children's books for the next book sale.

Perry Point VA Medical Center - Continue to collect and hold magazines of interest to men. Magazines such as National Geographic, Smithsonian, Readers Digest, any sports, outdoor, science or nature magazines would be appreciated. We will be making a visit to distribute magazines and other items in the Spring.

Cell Phones for Soldiers - Rose Marie Vaccaro continues to collect cell phones and accessories to provide cost free communication for our military.

Clothing and Household Item Donations for Military Veteran Support - A donation of \$150 in clothing and household items was given in November to Purple Heart. Please report the dollar amount of donations given to Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Am Vets to Barbara Ledford. Funds generated from donations take care of service men and women who keep America safe.

## Ways & Means

Karen Conte  
410-569-3902

Cathy Bowden  
443-371-6535

Raffle Tickets are SOLD - THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK!

Next Meeting - December 8<sup>th</sup>!

Save the dates: We are working on a Spring Bingo night on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Mother's Day Tea will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Richlin Ballroom.

# Member Spotlight

## Name?

Barbara Albers

**Current position? How long have you been a member? Co-chair of Home Life Comm., 8 ½ years!**

## Favorite club memory?

The Habitat for Humanity home in Joppatowne. It was constructed at Harford Tech and delivered in several pieces to the foundation.

## What is your favorite club project?

Working with Anna's House & Habitat for Humanity

## Guilty Pleasure: What can you not live without?

Ice Cream and Jeopardy

## What is your favorite way to spend the day?

A glass of wine, a good book, and the 5 part Sunday Sudoku with the Ravens game on.

## What's the most interesting job you've had?

Taking care of the first Kidney transplant patients. It was a miracle in their life.

## If someone wrote a biography about you, what would be the title?

"It Took 3 Strikes"

## Read any good books recently that you would recommend?

*The Heist* by Daniel Silva and *Burn* by James Patterson. Also, *Mean Streak* by Sandra Brown.

**If you were to describe yourself a kitchen utensil, which one would it be? A whisk!**



## Newsletter Request!

Do you have any pictures of club activities? A special family recipe? Or a good quote or article to share? Interested in being featured in the "Member Spotlight"? Please email or call Leah Clague if you would like to contribute! 443-350-3889 or [leah.clague@gmail.com](mailto:leah.clague@gmail.com).

# Dates to Remember

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Ways and Means Committee (at Karen's)

December 11<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting at Parker's Restaurant

Fridays in December - Gift-wrapping at Boscov's



## Recipe of the Month

### Oysters Casino

Jeanette Petnic

- 1 pt Oysters (raw) spread out in baking dish
- 2 slices chopped bacon
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 rib celery, chopped
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 6 drops Worcestershire sauce
- 4 drops hot sauce
- ¼ tsp seafood seasoning (Old Bay)
- Fry bacon, add onion and celery and cook until tender. Add lemon juice and seasonings.
- Spread over oysters. Bake 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

**Do you have a special recipe you would be willing to share with our members?**

**Please submit your recipe to Leah, [leah.clague@gmail.com](mailto:leah.clague@gmail.com).**