



The Junior Circle

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Our next club meeting

is 6:30 p.m.,
Thursday, April 14th,
at the
Carroll Nonprofit Center,
255 Clifton Boulevard.

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The Co-Presidents' Message

Happy Spring!!!

Spring is here, but it is still chilly outside! Stay warm and wish for pretty flowers.

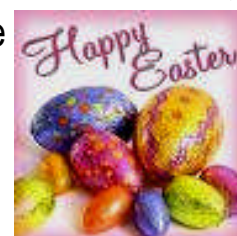
April and May are busy months for our club. We are asking each member to fill out the committee selection sheet for the upcoming club year. This is very important to finish. Our new committees start in June. If you have any questions please contact one of us. There is a copy in the newsletter. We also will be voting for our new officers!!

Bring your checkbooks to the meeting to pay for your May dinner! Please contact Sandy or Jesse C. for more information.

Junior Day for the GFWC State Convention will be April 30, 10:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Susan Krichen for details.

Our Annual May Dinner will Thursday, May 12, at Illiano's J & P Restaurant in Hampstead. The cost is \$20. Please contact Sandy Lynch, Jesse Corbi, or Mary Walton for more information.

Jessica and Cecilia



GFWC Responds to Japan's Disaster



TO: 2010-2012 GFWC Board of Directors
FROM: International President Carlene A. Garner
DATE: March 17, 2011

GFWC is united in concern and grief for those who have been affected by the earthquakes and ongoing devastation in Japan. Our Federation has a significant history of generosity when natural or manmade disasters devastate communities around the world, which we recently showed by coming together to raise nearly \$60,000 in aid for Haiti following the January 2010 earthquake. We are now being called upon again to help a country severely in need.

The pictures, videos, and reports from Japan are heartbreaking. Water, food, energy sources, and other basic life needs are in short supply. Hundreds of thousands of people are homeless, and more than 15,000 are dead or missing as a result of the tsunami and earthquakes. The fact that Japan is now facing a triple crisis, following the earthquakes and tsunami, compounded with the current nuclear catastrophes, is especially concerning.

We are currently working with GFWC International Outreach Partners to assess the relief and development needs in Japan following these distressing events.

I urge each of you to reach out to your fellow clubwomen, especially those in your State, and ask them to contribute to GFWC's efforts in raising funds for the relief effort in Japan. The collective impact of clubwomen working together as one cohesive unit to assist those in need demonstrates the true power of our Federation. All donations will be acknowledged and recognized.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the victims in Japan and their families here in the U.S. and around the world.

Please answer this call for support and help save lives today.

How to Make a Donation: Checks, made payable to GFWC, should be sent to GFWC Attention: Japan Disaster Relief, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC, 20036-2990. Please include "Japan Disaster Relief" in the check memo area.

Members on the Move

We would like to thank our March hostesses for enjoyable refreshments served at our club meeting. You chose Jennifer Danko as Rookie of the Year, Sandy Lynch as Junior of the Year and Ginny Houser as the Babs Condon Award nominees to represent our club at the Maryland State Convention. Congratulations ladies! Club brochures which can be used to "advertise" our club and encourage interest with potential new members were shared at the March meeting. Invitations for our annual May dinner have been distributed by e-mail. CA0901 A copy of such is included in this newsletter. We hope you are planning to attend this fun, end-of-year event for our club!!! Don't forget!!!! Come to the April meeting and bring all of the playing cards you have collected through the year for your poker hand. The club member with the winning hand will have her May dinner paid for by the club. Be sure to R.S.V.P. with Mary Walton by May 9th. We are looking forward to hosting this evening.

Sandy & Jesse



GFWC Jr. Woman's Club of Westminster

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14 April Meeting / Committee Preference Sheets &
Brief Committee Overview
Officer Nominations and Voting

April 30-May 1
GFWC State Meeting (Junior Day)

May 12 May Dinner (May Meeting)
New Member Inductions
Officer Installations
Beneficiaries Announced

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster

Preference of Committees

2011-2012 Club Year

Club Member's Name _____

Please mark each committee you would like to work with next year. Mark your first choice with 1, your second with 2, etc. Also, if you would be willing to act as a chairperson or co-chair for a particular committee, please note that with a C or CC. Please note at least three choices, if possible.

Advocates for Children

Arts

Beneficiary

Chili Cook Off

Conversation

Education

Family Support

Homelife

International Affairs

Kids Consignment

Leadership

Meals on Wheels

Membership

Newsletter

Public Affairs

Publicity

Tea Party

STARS Coordinator

*It is that time of year!
It is time to celebrate the past year
and look ahead to the next year of service
with the GFWE
Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.!*

*The club's membership committee
invites you to attend
our Annual May Dinner
on Thursday, May 12th, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.,
at Illiano's J & P Restaurant,
in Illiano Plaza, 903 S. Main Street, Hampstead.*

*We will enjoy appetizers beginning at 6:45 p.m.,
with a buffet dinner at 7:00.*

*Our menu will be
Bruschetta & The Party Tray Combo
Caesar Salad
Chicken Marsala Lasagna Pasta Primavera
Bread
Iced Tea Sodas Coffee
Club Cakes*

*Cost is \$20.00 per person. (Additional charge for alcoholic drinks.)
Reservations must be made by Monday, May 9th,
with Mary Walton, 410-790-8989 or mwalton@gmail.com.*



*Checks should be made out to
"GFWE Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc."
and given to Treasurer, Susan Krichten.*

We look forward to celebrating with you!!!

A Need from Shepherd's Staff . . .



The Blessings Closet, established in 1992, is a year-round ministry of Shepherd's Staff which provides non-food household essentials (at no cost) to people in our community who may be on government assistance, earning poverty level wages, temporarily out-of-work, or simply without a home. Whatever their situation is, we want to support them as Christ has taught us to do. Last year, 3,208 households were served through this ministry.

To stock the items needed, we rely upon the generosity of churches, schools, and other organizations to keep The Blessings Closet filled each month.

The opportunity for your organization: We would ask the focus of your donation to be on diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull ups. There is a great need and we have trouble keeping an adequate supply.

We truly appreciate your effort and involvement to support is wonderful, much needed ministry.

God Bless,

Peter Jones

A Shepherd's Staff Volunteer

If you are able to help with this need, please bring pack of diapers to the April club meeting. If you have any questions, please see Susan Krichten.

A New Arrival at the Burk Home!

Owen Thomas
joined the Burk Family
on Thursday, March 31st.
He weighed in
at 9 pounds 3 ounces
and measured 21 inches long.
Congratulations
to the New Burk Quintet!!!
We look forward to meeting
your new bundle of joy!!!!



Treasurer's Notes . . .

Reminder - See Susan Krichten with all outstanding bills, A.S.A.P. Also chairmen, let Susan know of funds in your account that will be needed for May. All unused funds will be given to the Beneficiary Committee to use.



GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster Youth Art

There were eight entries for the art contest which were on display at the club's March meeting. The winners were to be announced on Friday, April 1st at West Middle School. Susan Krichten, Youth Art Contest Chairman, will present each winner with their monetary award. Winners are Shelbi Helton - 1st Place Certificate and \$25 check, Kevin Kreaflle - 2nd Place Certificate and \$15 check, and Brooke Chubb - 3rd Place Certificate and \$10 check. The parents of the winners were invited to attend and light refreshments will be provided after the presentation. The judge for the contest was Carolyn Seabolt, former Westminster High School Art Teacher and owner of Cat Tracks Studio. She is also currently a mentor for McDaniel College Student Teachers (in the Art Field). A special thanks to Ginny Houser for agreeing to help with the refreshments after the presentation.



Left to right: Susan Krichten, Brooke Chubb, Kevin Kreaflle, Shelbi Helton and West Middle School Principal, Tom Hill.

Thanks,

Susan

Pocketbooks . . . Pocketbooks . . . Pocketbooks . . .

Ladies, do you have too many pocketbooks you don't use, but are still in great shape and don't know what to do with them? I have the solution - donate them to the Maryland Juniors. One of the Maryland Juniors' fund raisers is selling new or gently used pocketbooks and wallets. The pocketbooks sell for \$10 and the wallets for \$5. And . . . while you are cleaning out your closets of pocketbooks, how about cleaning out your jewelry box of the jewelry collecting dust. Another fund raiser for the Maryland Juniors is selling jewelry members no longer wear. Someone else might enjoy your cast-offs. If you find you do have pocketbooks or jewelry to donate, please bring such to the April meeting or call me for pick up. (Do not drop donations off at Benn's Store, as they are in the middle of prom season.) Both have been great fund raisers so far. You will find them on sale at the MFWC Convention. Help support the Maryland Juniors!



Thanks, Susan K.

April Birthdays



April 7th - Vickie Kyle
April 12th - Tammy Black
April 25th - Wanda Dixon



April Hostesses

Vickie Kyle, Head Hostess
Jennifer Danko
Anita Kronk
Grace Kelly-Lawlor, Door Prizes

Meals on Wheels



Contact: Martha Brown
410-848-6036

April 19th - Carol Horne & Martha Brown

Call Martha, if you are able to assist with delivering meals to the seniors of our communities.

Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the May newsletter are due by April 24th to Sandy Lynch. Articles can be e-mailed to sanlyn790@gmail.com, mailed to 3495 Woodholme Drive, Hampstead, MD 21074, or called to 410-970-6306.

News from the Editor



Our revised Club Roster is an insert with this newsletter. Dates of birth have been added for new club members.

The Junior Circle is published monthly for the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. For more information about events and information, please contact Cecilia Alcorn at massagebycecilia@gmail.com or Jessica Brock at sweetpea1972@comcast.net. For questions concerning the electronic version of the newsletter, please contact Sandy Lynch at sanlyn790@gmail.com.

Thanks for helping with our club communications! Sandy

Conservation



Hello ladies! Well, we are starting to have those occasional warm days, thoughts of being outside and enjoying the fresh air are becoming a reality. It was a cold winter and a very windy one. too. I don't know how much debris has wound up on your property; however, I know just on ours, it is quite a bit. It is time to go out and, little by little, tackle the issue of garbage and leaves covering our flower beds. The flowers are trying to come up and need the gift of sun to help them. They can not do this if they are covered by debris. If your trees needed to be trimmed last year and you put it off, get to it now. The perfect time to do this is while you can see those limbs without having to be hassled with the leaves. Make sure you seed your lawns now to. Cover the seed up with an organic covering so the birds do not eat it.

Let's get motivated and break loose from the confines of inside our homes and get our hands dirty. Did you know gardening can lower your blood pressure? It is a calming chore and, after the initial work of cleaning up, can be quite beautiful. Now let's all get ready because in a few weeks it will be time to plant new flowers and trees. I don't know about you, but this is my favorite time of year. To see everything wake up and renew itself again is such a hopeful experience. We are truly blessed by the way our world cycles through the seasons. Happy gardening! Patti Jo Green