



GFWC Civic Club Of Oakland Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2016

The Presidents' Corner Outgoing President

I have been so proud to serve as your president over these past four years. I admire you all for the activities in which we have participated, the money we have donated, and the people we have served.

When you add it all up it is astounding! In just the past two years through the efforts of all of us we have raised \$53,135.00. Of that money, we have given almost \$31,000.00 to the non-profit organizations, the hospital, several scholarships, and other monetary donations. If you include our efforts with Warm The Children that total soars to \$121,179.00.

As a club, we have continued to support the Craft Group so that they can bring joy and cheer to the residents of various nursing homes. That group has created 3,252 tray favors in the last 24 months.

And it does cost some money to run the Civic Club. We spend money on dues, the Yearbook, newsletters, The Quick Guide, postage, insurance, conference registration, and other administrative costs.

During the 2014-2015 reporting years we have welcomed twenty-five new members into the Civic Club of Oakland. This puts us in the top 10% of all clubs in the nation in terms of new members. A "million thanks" go to all of our members who have brought a guest.

Once someone attends a meeting or participates in a project it is easy to see how wonderful this group is! We are really good at meeting the needs of women in our community for socialization, education, and service opportunities.

In the last two reporting years, the members of the Civic Club have participated in 163 separate projects and have donated \$7,800 in what we call "in-kind" donations. This includes gifts and items donated to nursing home residents, craft supplies, Antique Show, Lighthouse, and the Garrett College Flea Market, as well as our fabulous Baked Goods and food items for the Civic Club Café.

But an even bigger revelation is the nearly 21,000 hours we have spent as a group supporting these projects and activities. The members of the Civic Club of Oakland are dedicated, passionate, community minded volunteers. We care about our citizens and we care about each other. I am very proud to have been a part of such an amazing group of women.

You all are truly "Love in Action!"
Love and Thanks,

Sandy Hill
2014-2016 President
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Love in Action

GFWC Civic Club of Oakland, MD is an affiliate of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

2016-2018 THEME



Jean Tumbarello, the newly elected president of the Civic Club announced the theme for the next 2 years:

Happiness is...

Every day gives us a new chance to fill in the blank!

Happiness is...

Remember the Peanuts book from long ago – ‘Happiness is a warm puppy’? When Sandy told me I need to pick a theme for my term as President of the Civic Club, for some reason this popped into my mind. I had not thought about it in years but all of a sudden, there it was.

When we were kids, happiness was a pretty simple thing – a warm puppy to play with, recess at school, holiday celebrations, splashing in puddles, a game of kickball in the street. We lived for the moment and did not think too much about the future (except maybe what was for dessert). Happiness was whatever we were doing at the time.

Adulthood arrives, our focus changes and our perspective on happiness along with it. A new job, perhaps getting married and raising a family and before you know it, we start planning for the future. Maybe we don't have as much time to think about what happiness is or we look for it down the road somewhere – a promotion, a house in a nice neighborhood or maybe that new boat.

Now, having reached a ‘mature’ age, once again our focus changes and our ideas of what happiness is, has probably changed as well. Our children have flown from the nest (although some fly away only to return again for one reason or another). Some of us have retired from the (paying) workforce. We can spoil our grandchildren. We live in the prettiest county in Maryland. We realize that we have been richly blessed in so many ways. We have time to focus on ourselves, our spouses, friends and community. We also realize that everything could change tomorrow. We come back to the idea that happiness is a pretty simple thing – a hug from a child, nights out with friends, holidays with family, boat rides on the lake and maybe even a warm puppy.

Jean Tumbarello

FIRST LEADERSHIP RETREAT



Civic Club of Oakland held its first Leadership Retreat for incoming Board members and Community Service Program Chairs on Tuesday May 10, 2016. The morning began with hot coffee and Deep Creek Donuts provided by Bill Meagher.



Members were asked to write one thing about themselves that no one else in the room knew. These facts were put into a basket, drawn and read as the morning progressed. Helen Earles (President 1994 -96) gave the first presentation. Helen focused on the history of GFWC, its accomplishments in the last 120 years and where the organization is headed in the future. She also described the various organizational levels within GFWC.

Barbara Frantz (President 2008-2012) gave the next presentation. Barbara brought materials from the Historical Society that described the history of Civic Club of Oakland. Barbara also led the group through the “Yearbook” focusing on the Community Service Programs and the Bylaws along with the Club Policies.



The group then spent some quality time with Ellen Quinn Hamlin defining Leadership in all its various aspects. Each member took a leadership assessment to discover strengths as well as areas to work on. Ellen is a Civic Club member and is a Career Coach/Counselor at Garrett College.

The final segment was time for orientation and turn over from old officers to new ones. Job descriptions and timelines changed hands and the baton was passed. The Retreat ended with a luncheon catered by Don Champion. The Mountainside Marina Clubhouse was the venue for the event. It was warm, cozy, had comfortable chairs, and made a great space for us all to get to know each other better

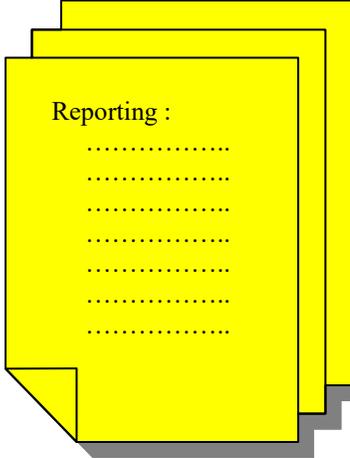
And those little known facts? One of us has ridden a camel up Mt. Sinai to watch the sunrise, one of us was a cheerleader for all four years of high school, one of us has hitch hiked in a foreign country, one of us (unknowingly) had a murderer for a babysitter, and one of us is part Native American. We are an amazing group and welcome all who are interested. We have a job (big or small) for everyone!



Sandy Hill

Western District Meeting

Reporting Change for Civic Club of Oakland



And that is because we do not wish to be in competition with our Federation friends. The mission of each club is to serve the citizens of it's own area. We do not do this to compete with other clubs, but rather to meet the needs of the most vulnerable among us, to educate our own members, and to provide opportunities for socialization and volunteerism to our Civic Club ladies.

We truly believe that we would all benefit from a cooperative, collegial approach to sharing information and ideas about our activities. We would love to sit in a break-out session and hear from other clubs who do fundraising or membership recruiting particularly well. We would love to walk through a room full of posters presented by clubs who excel at Home Life or Communications, who have great ideas for including the Arts in their activities, or who have a creative, new project. We would love to hear from an expert panel on how to promote our club through social media, or how to stay current on Legislative Affairs in the state of Maryland

To share our ideas about these changes in focus and format, we have been in touch with our own Mary Snyder and the new MFWC President Reno Eitel who is sending our written recommendations on to the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee. Civic Club of Oakland believes that if GFWC is going to survive and thrive into the future, it is critical that we share ideas in a cooperative way among our Federation Friends; that we enhance, encourage, and support our sister clubs rather than compete with them.

Sandy Hill

WESTERN DISTRICT, INC. 95TH ANNUAL MEETING

Six members of the GFWC Civic Club of Oakland attended Western District's Annual Meeting at the Cumberland Country Club in Cumberland on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Hostess Club, GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Cumberland planned all the details of the delicious Luncheon. The meeting was chaired by President Susan Krichten from Westminster Juniors. Seven Clubs within the District gave brief reports of their Club activities in 2015. Awards were given by President-Elect Jo Harp to the Clubs with outstanding reporting in Community Service Projects.

The Installation of new Officers of Western District for the 2016-2018 was conducted by Debbie Spinnenweber, Western Maryland Community Club President.

Barbara Frantz

SPECIAL EVENT

MD STATE CONVENTION

The 117th MFWC Annual Convention was attended by Barbara Frantz and two other club members in Annapolis during April, 2016. Barbara expressed how lovely it was to meet up with Federation friends that she has made over the years. The program, as always, was well organized and fast-paced. The new President-Elect of the International Federation, Sheila Shea of Massachusetts, was the guest speaker, whose address described the changes she is planning to make during her upcoming administration. For entertainment, an actress-impersonator portrayed Julia Child. A lovely time was had by all who attended.

Barbara Frantz

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



DONNA BERRY

Donna just moved to Grantsville permanently this past fall. Donna and her husband, Ben, have had a vacation cabin near New Germany St. Park for 23 years. After retiring from the food retail industry and selling their home in Mount Airy, they decided to make

Garrett County their home. They have one son and five grandchildren. Donna enjoys hiking, reading and traveling. Donna is looking forward to meeting other Civic Club members and being of service to the community.



Left: Jessica Josephson,
Middle: Carol Mowbray-Brooks,
Right: Donna Berry

Two of the three members above did not have pictures available for last year's winter/fall newsletter.

Three new members received their welcome packets at the April meeting.

CONSERVATION INFORMATION

Messages from Linda Herdering our Community Service Conservation Program Chair.

Below our two opportunities for you to sign up and receive newsletters about various aspects of MD conservation.

This newsletter from MD Department of Natural Resources arrives in your inbox monthly and contains up-to-date info on all sorts of MD subjects—usually always includes something about MD conservation and/or how to conserve our natural resources. Should you like to sign up, **here is the link to do so:**

<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Pages/Newsletter.aspx>

A second “conservation newsletter” is aimed towards folks concerned with hunting and fishing—especially conservation of federal lands for these pursuits. Should you (or your hunter fisherman!) be interested, **here is the link to sign up for the newsletter of the “THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP”**

<http://www.trcp.org/media/newsletters>

Directions, if needed, to copy and paste the above links.

Copy the links above by highlighting the link and then right click your mouse for copy menu, click on copy and then open your on-line browser you use to access the internet. In the search box right click and click on paste, you should then see the link, press enter to go to the website. (Suzanne Harle)

Your Conservation Committee Chairwomen has joined up to help the non-profit org MD Sun (MDSun.org) offering an educational presentation to the public who may be interested in solar panels but want to save money. MD Sun helps communities form co-ops that, because they are a group, get up to a 25% savings on the cost of a solar system. They merely support and facilitate (nothing else)... and have been successful in many down-state counties... dates and locations to be announced.

Linda Herdering

BRING A GUEST

The competition for the member who brings the most guests to our monthly meetings is going on! **The winning member will receive complimentary membership for 2017-2018.** Your guest must sign the guest log sheet located at the luncheon/dinner meeting registration table. The winner will be announced at our holiday luncheon in December.

The more guests we have increases the potential for new members! **Happiness is...new members!**

Thanks to everyone who participated last year!

COURT WATCH SPECIAL PROJECT



Hear Ye, Here Ye!

Hello, everyone.

The Dove Center invited Civic Club Members to a Court Watch Volunteer Lunch (their treat) to be

held on Monday, June 6, from noon - 3 pm, at Cornish Manor (upstairs). This luncheon was to bring together current and potential Court Watch Volunteers. The time was spent reviewing the purpose and importance of the Court Watch Program, what is considered important information, and the proper procedures to be followed by volunteers.

Thank you for your participation dedication and interest in this program. If you have any further questions regarding this program or want to participate in Court Watch please contact me.

Heather HanLine

Heather L. Hanline, MS, LCPC
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This important program was founded in 2006 with our Civic Club members. Two of the original members received certificates of appreciation for TEN YEARS dedicated Volunteerism. Their volunteering and reporting has improved how victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse are treated within the legal system. We will truly miss both JO GALLAGHER and BETTY ELLINGTON and are grateful for their dedication. Thank you, Ladies, for a job well done!

Sherry Bradshaw, Court Case Scheduler

SPECIAL PROJECTS



THE TREASURER CHEST "STORE" In "The Lighthouse"



SPRING CLEANING!

We can help with your "extras". The Treasure Chest will find new homes for items such as: audio-books, jewelry, scarves, home accessories, kitchen items, purses, seasonal decorations, and much more.



Your support of the Treasure Chest, a Civic Club project at the Garrett County Lighthouse, is greatly appreciated. Questions?

Call 301-387-6639

Looking forward to hearing from you!



WARM THE CHILDREN

Warm the Children is a program sponsored by the *Republican News Paper* and the Civic Club. It is a program to provide warm winter clothing to needy school children in Garrett County.

In 2015 a little over \$34,000 was spent to purchase winter clothing and boots for the needy children.

Each year we will need shoppers and thank you card writers. Starting in November 2016 sign-up sheets will go around please consider volunteering it is a very rewarding opportunity you don't want to miss.

For more information contact Betty Ellington.

Fund Raising Autumn Glory 2016

ANTIQUÉ, VINTAGE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

The Antique, Vintage & Collectibles Show will take place on October 14, 15, 16, 2016, at the Community Center in Oakland. (mark your calendars now) This event is the largest Fundraiser for the Civic Club. All net proceeds from this show are given to the non-profit organizations who request funds from us. Our history shows that between \$10,000 and \$14,000 has been given back to the Community each year.

This is the 43rd Annual Civic Club Show. That means, if there was an average of \$10,000 given each year, that \$430,000 has been donated to non-profit organizations in Garrett County by the Civic Club. Of course, it takes a full complement of Civic Club members to make this a successful annual event. In addition to the Vendor Fees, the \$3.00 Door Entrance Fee, and the \$1,000 Raffle Profits, all contribute to the bottom line for a successful Antique Show. Each member must participate in the Fundraising in some way.

Contracts have been mailed to last year's Vendors, to date, 12 have made their deposits from the surrounding 3 States. We will be soliciting a few new Vendors, so if you know a potential dealer who will enjoy the 3 day show, please let me know ASAP. Do we need help? You bet we do! We always need help cleaning up the Center and setting up tables and chairs on Wednesday before the dealers arrive to prepare their areas on Thursday for the Show opening on Friday.

Civic Club Café is an important component of the Show, and its reputation for great food is far and wide. A lot of help will be needed for the Café and also Bakers to make loaves of zucchini and quick breads to serve to the dealers with coffee upon arrival. This traditional gesture by the Club is very much appreciated by Vendors.

Volunteers will be needed at the Door, working in the Cafe, and at the Bake Sale. This is an important facet in our Fundraising weekend. We'll need volunteers baking cookies, brownies, and cakes for sale to the public. Volunteers can help with food preparation which takes place a week before the Antique Show. So be prepared to wear your gloves, hats and smiles. Signup sheets will be available in the near future!

Happiness is.....volunteering for the Antique Show!
Barbara Frantz, Antique Show Chair

RAFFLE AT ANTIQUE SHOW

Our Raffle will continue this year.
We're looking for a new volunteer to take charge of the Raffle become part of this great "fun'd" raising committee!

Happiness is.....leading an outstanding group!

Other Fund Raising 2016

Support/Entertainment Cards 2016

The cards have been a success and will be continued! **If fund raising is your strong suit please contact Jean Tumbarello, President and tell her you are interested!**

Don't forget **IGIVE** for those who shop on-line. The **IGIVE program** has been an ongoing success for Civic Club of Oakland. **This is free money to the Club from internet shopping.** Go to IGIVE.com and sign up and install the IGIVE button on your desktop. Every time you shop online with a participating company your IGIVE button will pop up, click on it, and you're good to go. Any purchases made with that company will donate a certain percentage to our Club. **Currently our Club has raised \$380.60.** Thanks to all those who have been participating in IGIVE.

Please contact Kris Yusko or Suzanne Harle for instructions on how to sign-up for IGIVE. Either of us will be happy to help you get started! Don't miss out!

2015 Fund Distributions



At our March 29th general meeting, GFWC Civic Club of Oakland members had the opportunity to hear representatives from 23 non-profit organizations operating in Garrett County deliver 2-minute speeches requesting funds from the club and describing how they planned to use them. Members were given ballots listing all the organizations applying for donations and asked to rate them according to their own individual preference: 3=High; 2=Medium; 1=Low; 0=Funds should not be given. Several members of the Executive Board met following the meeting to determine the amount of funding each organization should receive based on members' rankings. First, the total amount of points awarded to all organizations was calculated. That number was divided into \$13,275, the amount of funds available for distribution, resulting in a per point value of \$9.10. Then total points per organization were added up. That number was multiplied by \$9.10, resulting in the dollar donation each non-profit would receive from the Civic Club of Oakland.

A table listing the final results is below.

AAUW	\$555
Cindy's Fund	\$610
Dove Center	\$730
Garrett Choral Society	\$535
Garrett College Foundation, Inc.	\$570
Garrett Community Concert Band	\$440
Garrett County Arts Council	\$480
Garrett County Community Action: Area Agency on Aging	\$630
Garrett County Habitat for Humanity	\$590
Garrett County Historical Society	\$415
Garrett County Humane Society	\$565
Garrett County Lighthouse	\$645
GLAF	\$545
Garrett Organization for the Handicapped	\$600
Garrett Trails	\$470
Girl Scouts of Garrett County Community	\$375
HART	\$525
Hospice of Garrett County	\$805
House of Hope	\$760
Landon's Library	\$645
Mountain Top Crisis Pregnancy Center	\$600
Our Town Theatre	\$565
Southern Garrett Rescue Squad	\$620
Total Distribution	\$13,275

CLUB ACTIVITES

BOOK CLUB



We hope to see new members this summer at our meetings to suggest new reads and share their love of books with our friendly, open and fun group of ladies. **Meet us at DUTCH'S at SILVER TREE to order from special menu at NOON on every THIRD FRIDAY of the month.** \$15 includes entrée, non-alcoholic drink, and gratuity. (Please bring cash or check to give Sherry to pay one bill for all.)

Following is what is happening this year as of this writing. We all suggest titles and vote on our which to read for discussion. After discussion, we all vote a rating and they are all averaged for a report to the Civic Club at year-end. (1 is lowest and 5 is highest rating.) Hope to see you SOON!

Sherry Bradshaw 301-746-8117 sherbrad@verizon.net
(We take RSVP prior to meetings for Dutch's convenience in setting up their private side-room upstairs especially for us.)

READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN , Azar Nafis nonfiction by author – related to current events	3.0
MANSFIELD PARK by Jane Austen unlike her other novels, least popular - classic	3.0
THE HUSBAND'S SECRET , Liane Moriarty – popular author What do you do when your husband tells you he's a killer?	4.5
EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU BY Celeste Ng – library found one copy (mixed race family, Chinese father, American mom) child's suicide	
THE LIFE WE BURY by Eskens – 1 st novel (soft cover)	
BROKEN HARBOR , Tana French. Irish author of Dublin police surpasses John Connelly	
THE MEMORY BOX , Eva Lesko Natiello. Debut novel about woman with amnesia.	



CRAFT CLUB

Happy Spring Everyone! Don't worry, it will eventually get here! Your Craft Club is prepared for any season, at any time! For Easter we used an envelope and added ears and a fussy ball for a tail to look like a bunny. We decorated coffee

tins with an Easter Banner and filled them with chocolate kisses.



Our Fourth of July project is already completed. We made rustic American flags with popsicle sticks. Thanks to Jean Tumbarello who purchased a star press, Flo Royer who pressed out all the small white stars, and all the crafters and guests (thank you,) our flags were beautiful!

We're a fun group and we sure could use your help! We started a **NEW MEETING SCHEDULE** for the remainder of this year meeting **every 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month.** A notice is sent out prior to the meetings. **We meet at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in Oakland at the Boals Bldg and, if you're available, we go for lunch at Denny's afterwards. We are only closed if schools are delayed two hours or are closed all day. We're really good company, carry on great conversations, and have lots of fun! Please come join us!

***SPECIAL REQUEST Coordinator needed:** Jean Tumbarello and Jeannie Bailey are your current Co-Coordinators for Craft Club. We recently made changes in our schedules (Jean T. is becoming your President and Jeannie B is becoming a "snowbird" right after Autumn Glory.) We both plan to continue participating in the Craft Club but are in dire need of someone to assist in the coordination of on-going projects in our absence! You don't have to be all that creative, just willing to share ideas, learn and do!

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a Craft Club Coordinator!
Jean T. and Jeannie B.



JULY 2016 PICNIC PROGRAM

The Summer Picnic program will be at the Deep Creek Yacht Club, Turkey Neck again this year. It is located in Swanton and is very popular with members and their guests. The picnic is scheduled for July 26th and we are planning on beautiful weather. The pavilion is covered and there are tables and chairs for your comfort. There will be no business meeting - this is a time to enjoy the lake and our friendships. Please bring a family member or friend! The picnic will start at 11:30 am. The luncheon menu will feature picnic fare. The price will remain at \$15.00 per person. Non-Alcoholic drinks and dessert are included. Reservations are required. You will be called as usual by the calling team so you can RSVP. We hope to see you all there rain or shine!

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

June 26-29 - 126th GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Waterfront Marriott, Baltimore, MD

June 28 - CC General Luncheon Meeting
Learn from an expert about our Garrett County Bears, Dutch's

July 26 - Picnic -Members & Guests - Deep Creek Yacht Club, Turkey Neck, Swanton

August 30 - CC General Luncheon Meeting
How are Barn Quilts Made, Dutch's

September 27 - CC General Luncheon Meeting - TBD, Dutch's

October 25 - CC General Evening Meeting
TBD, Dutch's

November 29 - CC General Luncheon Meeting
TBD, Dutch's

December - Christmas Party Luncheon for members and guests at Dutch's
Menu and Date TBD

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