



# The Clubwoman

## GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

January 2010

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### A Note from Norma Jean:

The blustery winds are roaring, our holiday visiting has slowed down and we settle into the long winter nights. Not the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.! Our club does not hibernate in the winter:

- The Arts Department starts previewing the writings from the youth for the Poetry and Short Story Contest
- The Education Department is gearing up for **Dr. Seuss Reading Days**
- Home Life Department ladies are gathering tabs for the Ronald MC Donald House and collecting items for the Domestic Violence Safe House
- International Affairs Department members are planning their annual luncheon in February
- Public Affairs Department is discussing a new opportunity for supporting a Junction client
- The Conservation Department gardeners are making decisions about their focus on the Westminster Library garden renovations

With regret Billie White asked the club to accept her resignation as Recording Secretary. At their meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board appointed Sharon Quinter as Recording Secretary for the remainder of Billie's term. We wish Billie rapid improvement in her health and greatly appreciate all her contributions as Recording Secretary. Thank you for your service, Billie, this last year and a half as an officer.

A special thank you to the Program Committee and the Ways and Means Committee for providing an outstanding Holiday Luncheon! GFWC International President Rose Ditto greatly enjoyed the warmth and hospitality expressed by our club.

Stay warm! See you all in 2010! Keep volunteering, it just comes naturally!

### *Norma Jean*

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### DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES UPDATE

**Dr. Seuss Reading Days** – Are you ready to read?? Many volunteers are needed to read a book to elementary students in the Carroll County Schools on Friday, February 26 and Monday, March 1. In preparation for Dr. Seuss Reading Days, the Education Department will be scheduling work days to put together the books for each school. Look for a special email newsletter with all the information.

**Outstanding Club Woman** – Each year the club elects an Outstanding Club Woman who then has a chance to become the Outstanding Club Woman for the State. At the January meeting each member will be asked to name one club woman who should be considered as Outstanding Club Woman for 2009 - 2010. When considering who to nominate, please keep the following "rules" in mind:

- Former recipients of the State award are ineligible as well as members of the current Executive Committee of The Federation, past State presidents, and members of Junior Clubs (the Juniors have their own award).
- Judging will be based on the nominee's work in GFWC (The Federation) with emphasis on club sponsored activities accomplished in 2009. As background, club involvement over a period of years can be presented as well as any district and state activities which might indicate a continuing interest in The Federation. Only club related accomplishments, not other civic or professional activities, will be considered.

The Outstanding Club Woman from each club in Maryland is presented at the State Convention, April 24 – 26. We have so many outstanding women – it's time to celebrate all that they do!!

**LEADS Candidates – Nominations are now being accepted for LEADS** - Leadership, Education and Development Seminar to be held at the GFWC International Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. This is a wonderful program that helps prepare future club and GFWC leaders. For more information contact Ginny Houser, 410-848-2441.

**Inclement Weather Policy** – If Carroll County Schools are closed or delayed on our club meeting day, the meeting will be cancelled. Watch your email for notifications or listen to an announcement on WTTR Radio.

**Peter Rabbit Tea Party Summary** – What fun we had at the tea party on Sunday, July 26, 2009 and we were blessed to have a lovely afternoon before the rain came! It was sponsored by The Woman's Club, The Junior Woman's Club, and The Stars for the benefit of the Boys & Girls Club of Westminster with co-chairwomen, Norma Jean Swam and Linda Payne. Coordination between the clubs was provided by Babs Condon and Pat Amass. The menu consisted of various sandwiches, veggies, scones, sweets, and sipping beverages with 25% of club women contributing money and 50% of club women contributing food items. The Tevis family was gracious in opening their home and providing tents for outside cover as needed. The Cutting Garden and Dutterer's Florist donated flower centerpieces for the tables as well as Joan Mann and Nancy Heiberg's committee. Many hours of planning, organizing, telephoning, and setting up were involved in the success of the party. Thank you notes were sent to everyone who participated. Ticket sales (\$800.00) less party expenses (\$304.25) for tablecloths and one advertisement in the paper were added to the additional monetary donations made directly to the Boys & Girls Club (\$1229.25) for a total contribution (\$1750.00) to the Boys & Girls Club as stated preciously in an e-mail from Norma Jean. A detailed written account of donations and expenditures were given to the treasurer.

**SERRV Workday** – The next workday at SERRV is Monday, January 25 beginning at 9:00 a.m. SERRV is a non-profit organization that provides women, artisans and farmers throughout the world with training, professional product design, interest-free loans and a fair price and market for their work. Please join us for a day of work, chatting, and fun. SERRV is located in New Windsor.

**Pop-Top Tabs** – Remember to save your pop-top tabs from soda, beer, canned goods, etc. and bring them to a club meeting for the Ronald McDonald House. Please give your tabs to a member of the Home Life Department or co-chairs, Gerri Reck or Barb Gunther.

**Greeting Cards For ARC** – The Public Affairs Department will be collecting used and new greeting cards for ARC at every monthly club meeting. The clients at ARC use them to create new designs – which are really lovely. The GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc. will be selling the cards for \$5 for a pack of 10. If you're interested – see Sandy Ferguson. This is a great project that supports ARC and contributes to our recycling efforts!

**Reports Due January 10** – Department Chairs are asked to submit their reports to Carol Kershner no later than Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Carol at 410-840-4155.

**LOOKING AHEAD** – Please mark your calendar so you don't miss these events!

**January 12** – Business Meeting at Carroll County Community Non-Profit Building, Clifton Boulevard. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Judge Michael Galloway is our speaker. Public Affairs Department are our hostesses.

**January 18** – Book Browsers meets at the home of Lois Crawford to discuss The Scarlet Letter. The discussion leader is Carol Quinn.

**February 9** – Monthly Membership Meeting at Carroll County Community Non-Profit Building, Clifton Boulevard. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dr. Charles Eckard, Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools, is our guest speaker. Education Department are our hostesses.

**February 16** – MFWC (Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs) meeting. Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD. See Norma Jean for details.

**February 26 and March 1** – Dr. Seuss Reading Days. Volunteer NOW to read or participate in preparations. Contact Jackie Hering, 410-848-9036 for details and to volunteer.

**March 2** – Board Meeting at the home of Sandy Ferguson.

**March 9** – Business Meeting at the Carroll County Community Non-Profit Building, Clifton Boulevard. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Year-End Reports will be presented by Department Chairs.

**Quote of the Month:** “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; it’s the only thing that ever has.”

*Margaret Mead*

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