



The Clubwoman GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

March 2010

A Note from Norma Jean:

While walking into the County Government Office the other day, I noticed several bunches of daffodil stems poking out of the ground with mounds of snow nearby. Oh, spring where are you? Hopefully, there will be no more shoveling or the rescheduling of events!

March is Women's History Month. GFWC Headquarters is hosting the author, Elaine F. Weiss who wrote Fruits of Victory: The Woman's Land Army of America, at the Women's Resource Center, in Washington, DC on Thursday March 11 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. While there have been many outstanding women who have turned the tides of history, surely there have been women who have made a difference in your life. Take this opportunity to let them know how influential they have been in your life.

At this month's business meeting we will celebrate our many accomplishments from 2009 (with a twist!!), elect our officers for the new administration, and announce our club's candidate for Outstanding Clubwoman.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting next Tuesday, March 9th. Think Spring!

Norma Jean

Norma Jean Swam, President

DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES UPDATE

Public Affairs will meet at 12:15 prior to the March 9th club meeting in the front of our meeting room.

Toiletries for Springfield Hospital - The Public Affairs Department will collect men's toiletries for patients at Springfield Hospital. Suggested items include shave cream, shampoo, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, combs and any other toiletries that you feel appropriate. Please – no glass containers. Cash donations for patient use are always welcome. The staff at Springfield will dispense the money to patients for their wants and needs.

Bring on Spring, Sunshine and Flowers - February was American Heart Month. Heart Disease is the #1 cause of death. About every 25 seconds, an American will have a coronary event. Although our meeting was cancelled in February due to the historic snowfall, the Home Life Department will display information regarding heart health at our March meeting. Please take a moment to review the handouts available for you to take home to read while in anticipation of Spring.

Help for Haiti - The International Affairs Department is planning a work day on March 23rd for the purpose of assembling **Hygiene Kits for Haiti**. Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Below is a list of items that are to be included and we would appreciate any that you could contribute and bring to the February 9 meeting. The list is as follows:

- ✓ Hand towel measuring approximately 16 x 28 (no fingertip or bath towels)
- ✓ Washcloths
- ✓ Wide-tooth comb
- ✓ Nail clipper
- ✓ Bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- ✓ Toothbrush (in original wrapper)
- ✓ Band-aids

Please NO toothpaste. It will be added at time of shipping.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO! We volunteer locally and give globally!

Serve at SERRV - March 22 is our next date at SERRV. We work from 9-3? and in between talk, laugh, eat, and really turn out the work for SERRV. Come join us!! They appreciate us!!

50th Annual Spring Fashion Show – Carroll Hospital Center’s Spring Fashion Show is on Thursday, April 22 at 11:00 – 2:00 at Martin’s Westminster. Since many members of the club volunteer at the hospital, we have reserved 30 tickets for the Woman’s Club. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch and the Fashion Show. If you’d like to join us for a fun afternoon, please bring a check to the March meeting and give it to Sharon Quinter or Barbara Gunther. Make your check payable to Carroll Hospital Center Auxiliary. Tickets will be mailed to you. Guests are welcome!!

Something So Small Can Make a Big Difference - As a reminder, all those **pop tabs** you have been saving are going to the Ronald McDonald House where they are sold to a recycling center. The money is then used to help support the operations of the Ronald McDonald House. This popular fundraiser benefits seriously ill children by helping provide a place for them and their families to stay while they are out of town for medical treatment.

Those of you that have made a practice of saving the pop tabs –BRAVO! *For the rest, how many cans are you throwing in the recycle bin every day or just throwing them in the trash?* Take a second to *pull the tab off* before you toss the can and help the Woman’s Club increase the donations to our local Ronald McDonald House. Another way to think of others and give back to the community.

Legislative Matters - The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) has been working since 1980 to eliminate domestic violence in Maryland through *education, training, and advocacy*. As Maryland’s state coalition, the Network works together with local domestic violence programs as well as criminal justice and law enforcement personnel, legal advocates, health care and social service providers, clergy, educators, businesses, community groups, and concerned individuals to promote a coordinated community response to end domestic violence.

There are three bills supported by MNADV sponsored by various Delegates and Senators to be heard during the 2010 Legislative Agenda for Domestic Violence Legislation:

Priority Legislation

- Rental Housing – Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual assault
- Domestic Violence – Protective Order – Extension
- Civil Cases – Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund – Surcharges

There are other bills of interest too numerous to mention but the *Home Life Department’s goal is to continuously increase awareness and share the facts so that we understand the dilemma of those involved in domestic violence every day of their lives.*

Easter Literacy Baskets – At the March meeting the Education Department will collect financial donations for 12 Easter Literacy Baskets for Shepherd’s Staff clients. Please make your check payable to GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc.

Dr. Seuss Reading Days – Many thanks to Jackie Hering and the entire Education Department for organizing another successful Dr. Seuss Reading Day. Over 1600 books were distributed to elementary students in Carroll County and 75 readers visited 68 classrooms.

Celebrating Our Accomplishments! At the March 9th meeting Department Chairs will present their reports highlighting activities and projects for 2009. Please plan to join us as we celebrate all that we achieved in the past year!!

Conservation Department – Hang in there! Spring is coming!!

Spring Luncheon – Attached is the reservation form for the Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 11th at the Carriage House in Emmittsburg, MD. Tickets are \$20/person. Please bring your check and completed form (see attached) to the March or April meeting. Make your check payable to GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, Inc. Installation of officers will be held at the luncheon. Guests are encouraged – especially prospective members!!

Yearbook Updates – Please scroll down to the end of the newsletter and print the Yearbook Updates. We have many new members for your book! Please make sure that Jayne Stocksdale has all your information changes whenever they occur.

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

March 8 – Fundraiser for Carroll County Children’s Fund at Bud’s at Silver Run. \$25/person. Call 410-871-7000 for tickets.

March 9 - Club meeting at Carroll Non-Profit Building, Clifton Boulevard. 1:00 – social with refreshments. 1:30 – 3:00 – business meeting.

March 9 – Public Affairs meeting prior to monthly club meeting. Contact Dolly Snyder, 410-871-2244, for details.

March 15 – Book Browsers at the home of Carol Kershner. Book discussion leader is Marge Simmons and the book will be The Good Earth by Pearl Buck. Everyone is welcome.

March 17 – HAPPY ST. PATTY’S DAY!!

March 22 – Serve at SERRV, The Brethren Center, New Windsor. Contact Sally Marks, 410-848-4064, for more information.

March 23 – International Affairs Work Day and luncheon at Sally Mark’s home. Contact Sally for details.

April 13 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm – General Meeting at the Carroll County Non-Profit Building, Clifton Boulevard. Speaker will be Dr. Charles Eckerd, Superintendent Carroll County Public Schools.

April 17 – 19 – GFWC Maryland Annual Convention, BWI Marriott, Baltimore. For details contact Norma Jean Swam, 410-871-0741.

April 22 – 50th Annual Spring Fashion Show at Martin’s Westminster. Contact Barb Gunther, 410-876-2128, for information.

May 15 – GFWC Western District Meeting at Carroll County Non-Profit Building, Clifton Boulevard. Hostesses will be Junior Woman’s Club of Westminster. Details to follow, but please plan to attend!

When the Snow Melts – Gardening at Belle Grove Square!

Quote of the Month: “Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.”

-Helen Dyer

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