



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

April 2010

A Note from Norma Jean:

At the March Business Meeting the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the next two years. Hearing no other nominations the slate was acclaimed and the new officers are:

President: Carol Kershner
Vice President: Sharon Quinter
Treasurer: Barbara Gunther
Recording Secretary: Debbie Schaefer
Corresponding Secretary: Marge Simmons

Congratulations to the new officers of the GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.! Installation of the officers will be during the May 11 Spring Luncheon at the Carriage House in Emmittsburg.

The MFWC Convention will be on April 17-19 at the BWI Marriott. If you plan to attend please contact Etta Ray Griffin as soon as possible. I will be attending on Saturday and Sunday and would love to see you there! The Western District meeting is scheduled for May 15th in Westminster – the Junior Club will be hostesses. Since this meeting is here in Westminster, it would be great to have several clubwomen attend. If you're interested please let me know!

During the past month there have been many exciting events and activities within our departments and many more are planned. We're even taking a little break from the volunteer work to enjoy tea at the Cozy Inn in Thurmont on April 30th. Be sure to read about the projects and events below.

Being an active member of this club is really rewarding and the many projects do make a difference in the community! Do one special thing for someone (a card, a meal, a call and email or a luncheon date or invite them to one of our meetings). Our Membership Chair, Anna Chiavacci, reported we had seventeen ladies join our club in the last two years! We're excited to welcome them and incorporate them in our activities.

Happy Spring,

Norma Jean

Norma Jean Swam, President

DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES UPDATE

What do YOU Want to Do?? The woman's club offers so many volunteer opportunities, but what would YOU like to do? What are your interests? What are your hobbies? At the April meeting, President-elect Carol Kershner will distribute a short survey form to help us establish our departments and committees for the next administration. Before the April meeting, please think about your involvement with the women's club and what department or committee you'd like to join or lead! We'll be looking for members and chairpersons for all departments and committees.

Spring Luncheon – Reservation forms for the Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 11th at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg will be available at the April meeting. Tickets are \$20/person. Please bring your check to the 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!!

Serve at SERRV - Just a reminder that our next visit to SERRV in New Windsor is Monday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. If you can make it please call Sally Marks at 410-848-4064.

Haiti Relief - Thanks to all who contributed to the Hygiene Kits for Haiti. Through your generosity we delivered 33 kits with personal hygiene items as well as some extras. The next request is for gently used sheets, towels, etc. Now is the time to get rid of the sheets, towels and other linens that are no longer the right color or just an overload that you don't/won't need. I will be happy to pick up your contributions if you call me at 410 848 4064 by the MORNING of March 31st. Thanks for your help. We volunteer locally and give globally.

Short Story & Poetry Winner Announced – Tenth grader, Hannah Thompson will be our guest for the April meeting. Her poem and short story were both chosen as winners in our recent contest! She not only won for the woman's club contest, but she also was a finalist in the Random House Student Writing Contest. At our meeting, she will read her poem, "Summer Freedom," and give a synopsis of her short story, "Rainy Memories." Her winning entries were sent on for competition in the MFWC. Winners there will be announced at the April MFWC convention. Let's hope Hannah wins the State award!

Tea at the Cozy Inn - Join us and Mamie Eisenhower for a Tea at the Cozy Inn, Thurmont, on Friday, April 30th at noon. You'll have a choice of three different menus ranging in price from approximately \$27 to \$37, depending upon your menu selection. Menus and preliminary costs are attached to this email. Jayne Stocksdale will have copies of the menus at the April meeting and will be collecting your payment at that time. Since Jayne will be paying with her personal credit card, please make your check payable to Jayne Stocksdale. Please note that the costs listed on the attached are preliminary – gratuity amount could change from 15 to 18%. The final costs will be available at the April meeting. So far 22 women have signed up for the trip – it's not too late to join us for Tea at the Cozy! If you have any questions, please call Jayne at 410-848-5434 or Mary Lathroum at 410-848-6383.

Home Life Department – Updates from the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council - A representative from the Health Department presented a new initiative, the SART Team that provides screening, assessment, referral, and treatment to pregnant women who screen in for drug use and/or domestic violence. This exciting initiative will help identify and help women earlier in their pregnancy and get them the assistance they need to live a violent and drug free life.

In June 2009, Dr. Ira Chasnoff presented the initiative to OB/GYNs and then to providers in our community. The Health Department met with the doctors and developed a strategic plan for the county. They anticipate starting the program in July 2010, which will include a questionnaire/screening tool used by the doctors. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month to continue evaluating the process and screening form.

All mothers at Carroll Hospital Center are screened for substances. If mom is pregnant; the hospital will test babies' muconium. The Health Department hopes to hire a SART Nurse who will do home visits as a follow up to those who screened in as needing assistance, especially for domestic violence. The plan is that Carroll County will be the pilot for the state.

SKIT Purse Auction – Here's a chance to do some early Christmas shopping or to just shop! SKIT (Seniors Keep In Touch) will host their purse sale fundraiser at the Carroll Arts Council the first weekend in April. New purses – some designer brands and others – will be available through the Silent Auction. A cash and carry sale offers great deals on gently used purses. If you have a purse(s) to donate please contact Dolly Snyder. Otherwise, get ready for summer – go buy a white purse!!

Walk-In Evaluations for Addiction Treatment - Individuals may show up at the Addiction Bureau of the Carroll County Health Department, (290 South Center Street) door entrance marked WIC and will be

seen on first come first serve basis for substance abuse evaluations. They will need photo ids, social security cards, proof of employment or unemployment statement and/or insurance cards (if applicable). If you know someone that is in need of this service, please forward this information – for further clarification, you can reach the Health Department at (410) 876-4800.

Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair – Carroll Lutheran Village has announced a Health Fair offering screenings, wellness tips and many vendors with information. The Fair will be held at the Village on Friday, April 9th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information contact Melissa Batten, Wellness Nurse, at 410-605-1070.

Toiletries for Springfield Hospital- The Public Affairs Department says THANK YOU for the contributions you made for the male patients at Springfield Hospital. They were grateful to receive all our donations.

Recycle Your Cards for ARC – Remember to continue to support the ARC with recycled cards. Now is the time to turn in your cards - Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, etc. so ARC can make new cards. Bring your cards to the April meeting and we'll deliver them to the ARC. What a great way to support the ARC and recycle at the same time.

File Of Life – At the April meeting the Public Affairs Department will distribute important materials that could ensure fast, accurate care in an emergency. Be certain to get your materials, complete the information requested and post it. In the event of a medical emergency, this information helps the emergency personnel gather data and give you appropriate care.

Holiday Ornament 2010 – Sandy Ferguson has received several suggestions for this year's ornament but it's not too late to submit your idea. In years past, the ornaments were replicas of historic landmarks in the Westminster area. If you have an idea for this year's ornament, please contact Sandy.

Carroll Hospital Center – Fashion Show – 40 clubwomen will be attending the 50th Fashion Show hosted by the Auxiliary of Carroll Hospital Center. I'm sure it will be a fun luncheon and show!

Easter Literacy Baskets – Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Easter Literacy Baskets for Shepherd's Staff. The Education Department was thrilled with the generosity of club women!

Conservation Department – Spring is here! The weeds are growing and we've got to get busy! Join us for an hour of gardening in Belle Grove Square on Friday, April 9th at 8:30 a.m. Bring your nippers and a small rake. We need to tidy up the garden! Belle Grove Square is located at the corner of Green and Bond Streets. For more information contact Trinka Cueman or Sharon Quinter. Everybody's invited – no reservations required!

Yearbook Updates – An updated yearbook will be printed this summer. Is your information correct in the Yearbook? Please make sure that Jayne Stocksdales has all your information changes whenever they occur.

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

April 9 – Gardening at Belle Grove Square. 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

April 9 – Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair, Carroll Lutheran Village.

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.

April 26 – SERRV, New Windsor, starting at 9:00. Contact Sally Marks for details.

April 30 – Tea at the Cozy Inn, Thurmont, MD. Contact Jayne Stocksdales at 410-848-5434 for information.

May 11 – Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers, Carriage House, Emmittsburg. Tickets are \$20/person. Bring your check to the April meeting.

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!

Quote of the Month: “In politics if you want anything said ask a man; if you want anything done ask a woman.”

Margaret Thatcher

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