



Newsletter – February 2015

February Meeting

Get ready for a great meeting on Tuesday, **February 10th** when our speaker will be **Shawn Essed**, who teaches yoga at **A Mindful Yoga Studio** on Main Street in Westminster as well as at the Westminster Family Center. Shawn has been teaching yoga since 2006 and will be speaking about **Yoga for Everyone** — including every one of us! **Dress comfortably** just in case we have the opportunity to put into practice some of Shawn's suggestions.

Our hostesses will be the **Education Community Service Program**. As usual, we'll meet at the **Non-Profit Building** on Clifton Boulevard in Westminster. Refreshments and mingling start at **1pm** and our meeting starts at 1:30pm.

Don't forget to wear your **name tag** and to **carpool** if you can.

Note on Reaching Our President, Ginny

Ginny is out of town until February 5th. Though she will not be checking email very often, if you need her please call her cell at 443-604-7729.

Past President to Celebrate Milestone Birthday!

Jane Willis, our **Club President from 1970-1972**, will celebrate her **100th birthday** on **Friday, February 13th**.

Jane represents a **long legacy in our Club's service**: her mother, **Henrietta Twigg**, was very active in Westminster community service **during World War II**.

Please everyone, let's help make this a great celebration for Jane by **showering her with cards and remembrances!** You can send her a card at.

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State Board of Directors Meeting

Ginny Houser reminds all members that the **State Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **February 17th**, at the North Baltimore Plaza Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Lutherville-Timonium from **9:30am to 3pm**. The focus of the discussion will be Parliamentary Procedures and Club By-Laws.

The total **cost** to attend is **\$29** (\$26 for lunch and \$3 to register). The lunch will be soup du jour, Chicken Francaise, and the chef's choice of vegetables.

If you'd like to attend, let **Barb Gunther** know so she can include you in the reservation, due by **February 10th** (the same day as our club meeting).

If you're looking for a ride, give Ginny a call because she has room in her car.



Update to Changes in Our By-Laws

The program at the State Board of Directors Meeting on February 17th will be on by-laws, so our Club's **By-Laws Committee** very much like to have **your suggestions** with us at the meeting.

Please, bring your written comments, suggestions, and feedback to our February meeting. Or, if you prefer, you can send an email to **Jackie Hering** (wjhering@hotmail.com).

Maryland State Convention

The **Maryland State Convention** will be held on **April 24th-27th** at the **Sheraton Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis**. Large crowds are expected in the area because of a Run that weekend, so please make your reservation early if you are interested in attending.

Arts

Maryland Art & Photography Exhibit

Time is getting short to register your work in the **Maryland Art & Photography Exhibit** to be shown at the GFWC Maryland State Convention from April 24th-27th. The deadline for registering is **Sunday, March 1st**.

To register, you fill out the entry card on page 18 of the **Winter, 2014** edition of **The Maryland Clubwoman Magazine**, where you'll find full contest rules and directions for entering. [Note from Becky: To make it easier for you, I've **attached a copy** of the contest rules and forms that I converted from the **Magazine**.]

Please let **Barbara Humbert** or **Clare Berent** know if you are entering the contest.

Seniors At Work Art Exhibit

Our **Art Exhibit** at the Carroll County Nonprofit Center showcases the **watercolor paintings done by seniors** taking classes at the North Carroll Senior Center and is sponsored by the Community College of Carroll County.

Many of these budding artists have not seriously studied painting before taking these classes, but their work is of an impressive level, as you will see.

Card Making

Join in the fun of card making on Thursday, **March 12th** at **10am** at the **Church of the Brethren** fellowship hall, where you will learn some new techniques. RSVP to **Kathy Rittler** at rittler@aol.com, 410-239-8147 by Monday, March 2nd.

You need to **bring** small scissors, a glue stick, and **\$5** for materials.

Knitting: Note the Change of Date!

The Knitting Group will meet at **Ginny's** house on Tuesday **February 24th** from **1- 3:pm** (instead of Tuesday, February 17th, because Ginny will be attending the State Board of Directors meeting).



Carroll Live on Stage

Just two more performances remain of the season at the Westminster High School. As a special promotion, the Carroll County Community Concert Association is offering admission to both shows for a total price of **\$35** – a savings of over \$15! You can order tickets online at www.CarrollLiveOnStage.org or buy at the door for the following two events:

- ✓ Monday, **March 2nd** at **7:30pm** is the world-renowned **violinist/fiddler and guitarist, Alex DePue and Miguel De Hoyos**. They are a fiery duo with an *array of styles – Classical, Bluegrass, Rock – and with blazing virtuosity and emotion*.
- ✓ Sunday, **March 29th** at **3pm** is **Brian Roman**, an *evocative performer with an uplifting story, delivers compelling musical stylings of classic tunes*. His story is inspiring and uplifting.

Bus Trip: Strathmore Hall

*The March 4th bus trip originally arranged by the Carroll County Arts Center has been **canceled** because of lack of interest. The concert itself has not been cancelled and you can purchase individual tickets if you like. For more details:*

http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/eventdetail.asp?event_id=1234

Education

Easter Literacy Baskets

Jackie Hering reports that the **Education Community Service Program** is planning to fill 12 Easter Literacy Baskets for Shepherd's Staff. **Monetary donations** towards this project will be accepted at the February and March meetings.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Can you believe it? **All 2,000 (!) books** for our **Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration** have been labeled! But -- we need to purchase even more titles to cover reading to 13 schools across Carroll County due to ever-increasing enrollments. So there will be another opportunity for members to attend a **labeling party**. We'll have more details in coming weeks.

Used Book Table

Our **Used Book Table** will be open for business at the February meeting. We hope many of you have exhausted your supply of reading materials over the past few weeks and will be looking for new titles. Remember that we'll use the **proceeds** from this sale to purchase books for the Dr. Seuss birthday celebration

International Outreach

Sally Marks has designated **April** as the month when we will **collect** for **HEIFER International**, a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty in the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. Be sure to mark your calendars!



Book Browsers

Carol Quinn reminds us that **Book Browsers** will meet Monday, **February, 16th** at 10am at the home of **Betty Mathias** to discuss ***The Distance Between Us*** by Reyna Grande. **Nancy Hiatt** will lead the discussion.

Please let Betty know or email Carol Quinn (cjq1089@gmail.com) if you won't be there.

Home Life

[No Report]

Editor Note: But **Home Life** has a **Cooking Lesson and Luncheon** in the works and they promise to let us know the details – soon – perhaps at our February meeting.

Member-To-Member

Local Author and Historian Visits Library

Karen Soisson tells us of a Local Author Event from the Carroll County Public Library. In his extensively researched book, **Jack McBride White** writes about the life of a poor and uneducated black man, whose mother had been a slave, growing up in **Sykesville** in the early 1920s. ***In Carrie's Footprints: The Long Walk of Warren Dorsey***, now available on Amazon, tells of Dorsey's experiences and his determination to make his mother proud. An exceptional and inspiring story.

Jack White will be at the **Wellness Center** at Carroll Lutheran Village on Friday, **February 20th** at **1:30pm** to talk about his book. Read more at <http://library.carr.org/programs/event.asp?id=42#.VNFak-umCTY.mailto> or call the Carroll County Public Library at 410.386.4488 for more details.

12th Annual Foreign Film Festival on Fridays in February!

Karen Soisson and **Becky Barbour** hope you'll all take advantage of the wonderful program offered by the **Carroll County Arts Council**. On Fridays in February, you can see films from around the world. Shows are at 1pm and 7:30pm. The cost is **\$6** per person, **\$5** for members and seniors, or you can buy tickets for the entire series for **\$15** or **\$20**, respectively. The first movie, on this Friday, **February 6th**, will be a film from Russia called ***Mongol***, about the early life of **Genghis Khan**. Learn about the Festival and other great events at the Arts Council at <http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/> or call 410-848-7272.

Public Policy

[No Report]

Fundraising

[No Report]

Publicity

[No Report]



Yearbook Updates: CSP and Committee Changes

Conservation CSP

Add: Co-Chair Joan Hollinger

Education CSP

Remove Dottie Piper
Lynn Walter

International

Remove Barbara Reiner (resigned from the Club)

Auditing Committee

Remove Carol Quinn

Beneficiary Committee

Add: Member Barbara Gunther

Fundraising Committee

Add: Member Robyn Allers
Remove: JoAnn Barlow
Janice Hobart
Pat Hyde
Nancy McCrickard
Joan Mann

Program Committee

Add: Member Becky Barbour

Yearbook Committee

Add: Member Susan Case
Remove Joan Hollinger

Book Browsers

Remove Janet Buchanan
Jean Picardi
Karen Soisson



Reminder: Newsletter Deadline

Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our March 2015 newsletter is Wednesday, **February 25th**.

Be sure to read our little ***Fine Print Box*** at the end of each Newsletter!

- NOTE -

*We'll provide a list of the changes in membership for our Club in each newsletter in this section, **Yearbook Updates**. This includes (but is not limited to): new members; resignations; changes in eMail addresses or phone numbers; changes in or additions to Committees and CSPs – and any other information that our members should know about our fellow GFWC members.*

Just send Debbie Schaeffer an email at M-Dschae@comcast.net by the newsletter deadline so all of us can update our Yearbooks and other Club lists.

Thank you!

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminster Newsletter** editors are **Debbie Schaeffer** (assemble submissions, initial draft) and **Becky Barbour** (final editing and formatting, email distribution). We publish the newsletter **ten times per year**, with a break during the summer months of June and July. We **distribute** the newsletters to our members on or about the **first Tuesday** of the month, or one week before each of our meetings. **Submissions** of information or articles for an edition of our newsletter are **due** to **Debbie Schaeffer** (M-Dschae@comcast.net) by the **25th of the month** preceding publication.