



## Newsletter – August 2015

### Club Picnic Kicks Off the New Year

The first event of our 2015-2016 club year is our **Annual Picnic** on **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **5pm** at **King Park**, Chase Street, 21157. As we did last year, we've arranged for a **covered pavilion** with tables and benches, but please bring your own **lawn chair**, to be sure we have enough seating available. See the attached flyer for full details.



### Food Contributions

Please **bring a dish** appropriate for serving **no more than 8 people**. According to the first letter of your **last** name, please bring:

- A-E..... main dish
- F-M ..... salad
- N-Z..... dessert

We ask that you limit the size of your dish so that we don't have so much food left over! Please bring a dish designed to **serve no more than 8**.

Members of the **Program Committee** will bring beverages. **Barb Gunther** will arrange to provide the paper goods.

### Volunteers to Set Up

Those of you who can **help set up**, please meet at King Park at **4:30 pm**.

### Our Program

We are pleased to announce that our program for the evening will feature **Helen Resop**, RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher), PYT (Professional Yoga Therapist). Her topic is **Relaxing through Yoga**.

### Additional Details and Reminders

- ✓ **Car pool**, to conserve parking spaces
- ✓ Wear your **nametag**
- ✓ Bring a **lawn chair**
- ✓ Hope for **good weather!**

### Volunteer Hours and Contributions: New Form

**Ginny** asks that we use a standardized form to **keep track of our volunteer hours and contributions** on behalf of the Club. Our hope is that this will help us all in tracking our club activities during the year for each Committee and CSP we serve.

We've attached a log form for your use called **Club Volunteer Hours and Contributions Log**. It's in a Word document format. You can print out as many of the forms as you need to keep a written record by hand. Or, you can store copies of it on your computer and make your entries there as you go.



This will help in year-end reporting because you'll have been keeping track of your work all year long. At year-end, you can just make copies of your hand-written sheets or print out your electronic versions of your completed forms to give to the chairs of each committee you've served on. (Or you can give your sheets to one of our Board members.)

Please let us know if you need any help with these forms or how to use them.

## Fundraising Committee

### Carroll's Labor Day Flea Market on September 5<sup>th</sup>

Our next Flea Market / Yard Sale will be **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at the **Shipley Arena** in Westminster. We have even more space this year: **6 tables!** Here's how you can help:

#### *What to Donate*

We want this to be our best sale yet, so please clean out your closets and cupboards. As you look for good things to donate, remember that some of the best-selling items for us have been: jewelry packaged in small baggies; household items; toys; books; movie DVDs; and some small furniture.

#### *Drop-Off Location and Time*

You can drop-off the items you want to donate from **2pm to 6pm** on **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**.

#### *Questions?*

Contact **Pat Harter** for more information at 410-346-7020 or [VictorianTrader@verizon.net](mailto:VictorianTrader@verizon.net).

### December Silent Auction

The Fundraising Committee reminds us of our **December Silent Auction**. To continue hosting a **first class auction**, please begin searching your attics and homes for quality items to be included in our auction catalog this year.

Suitable donations include: unwanted birthday or mother's day gifts, never worn jewelry, treasured glassware, autographed sports or music memorabilia, and framed pictures or paintings.

Further directions about donations will be forthcoming at our next meeting.

P.S. **Lynn Walter** expects to have some exciting news about this year's **Christmas Ornament** very soon!

## By-Laws Committee

The **By-Laws Committee** is reviewing our Club's By-Laws.

Just a reminder, if there is anything that you feel should be added or changed, please send your suggestions to **Jackie Hering** as soon as possible.



## Arts CSP

### Road Trip! Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please plan to join the **Arts Committee** on a bus trip to for a guided tour of **Brandywine River Museum**, the home to many of the works of the Wyeth family and other artists. From there, we'll go to **Longwood Gardens** for an exceptional display entitled **Nightscape**. By projecting moving video and laser lights onto the plants and trees in the conservatory and the outside gardens, **Nightscape** gives a whole new look to Longwood Gardens!

The trip is open to the public and we'll have full details later.

So far, we know we'll depart at **12:30pm** and return at about **11:30pm**. The cost will depend on the number of participants but should range from **\$100** to **\$108** per person. The cost will include entrance fees to both of the venues, bus rental and tip for the driver, and snacks and water on the bus. Each attendee will pay for her own dinner in the Longwood Gardens cafeteria. We'll donate any profit from the trip to a local arts-related endeavor.

This trip should provide some wonderful experiences, made even more special by being able to share them with friends.

### Arts CSP Meeting

The **Arts CSP** will meet at noon on **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** at Harry's on Main Street.

## Beneficiary Committee

The **Beneficiary Committee** asks that members submit their **requests for funds** by our November meeting. We'll consider any non-profit organization or activity which benefits the community.

## Education CSP

The **Education Committee** will fill **12 Back to School backpacks** for **Shepherd's Staff**.

We will gratefully welcome any **monetary donations** for school supplies and **gift cards** for shoes and haircuts at the first Board Meeting and at our September club meeting.

## International Outreach CSP

**Sally Marks** reports that **International Outreach** members will be volunteering at **SERRV** on **July 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will reassess our status after that to determine if future dates are possible.

## Home Life CSP

### Home Life Meeting Summary

We held a luncheon meeting to review our activities from last year and to begin discussions on plans for next year. We heard wonderful presentations from **Elizabeth Chaney** (Jean Picardi's niece) and **Nancy Howard** (Dory Shilling's daughter) about the needs of the community and how **Home Life** might consider projects to address these crucial needs.



Besides the items listed below, we are seriously considering supporting students in need at **Taneytown Elementary** and will be continuing our discussions.

### Nut Sales!

Due to the success of our **Nut Sales**, thanks to **Sue Thomas'** excellent leadership, we will once again have the sales in the fall. We'll have **brochures** available for you at the Picnic and will sell orders for them at our **October** meeting. This will be **the only meeting** we'll have the nuts available for your purchase.

### Spring Cooking Lesson

We also agreed we would again host the **Spring Cooking Lesson Luncheon** with the Carroll County Schools' Career and Technology Culinary Arts program.

### Mock Interviews

We decided to continue doing the annual **Mock Interviews** with **Mosaic**.

### District Request for Clothing Drive

We have been asked by GFWC District to consider doing a work clothing-drive in conjunction with them for their fall meeting. We will follow up more on this later.

## Publicity Committee

### Facebook Page for Our Club

Our Club has a Facebook page where we post **pictures of club members** at events in which they have participated. We also **list upcoming local neighborhood events** that we think might be of interest.

Please visit our Facebook page under the name:

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

### How to Find Us

To visit and **LIKE** our page, you need to **join Facebook**. To do that, go to [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and sign up as a new member with your email and a password.

The **benefit** in your doing this is that when you **LIKE** our entire Facebook page or when you **LIKE** something that is on our Facebook page, all of your Facebook **FRIENDS** will see that the Woman's Club is active and busy – which is **good publicity** for us! Here are a couple pointers:

- ✓ To **LIKE** an **entire Facebook page**, click on the word **LIKE** located on the cover picture.
- ✓ To **LIKE something on a page**, click on the word **LIKE** underneath the picture or event.

### Questions

If you have questions, please contact **Mary Lou Poirier** at [gLouPoirier@gmail.com](mailto:gLouPoirier@gmail.com) or **Nancy Porter** at [NancPorter@gmail.com](mailto:NancPorter@gmail.com) – or ask your grandchildren! There is also good information on our webpage - <http://www.GFWCmd.org>. Click on the **CLUBS** tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down to section that says **Western District Clubs** and click on number **6**. That will take you to our Club's webpage.



## Photographs at Club Events

Remember: if you need pictures taken at any Woman's Club event, please email Mary Lou or Nancy. Thanks.

## Newsletter Committee

**Debbie Schaeffer** reluctantly decided to take a break from her role as co-chair of the **Newsletter Committee** so that she can devote more of her time to family issues for at least the next few months. We are sorry to see her have to step aside. But we are fortunate that **Nancy Porter** was willing and able to step in as Debbie's replacement as co-chair of the Newsletter Committee. Welcome, Nancy!

Until further notice, please send any information to be included in our Newsletters to Nancy at [NancPorter@gmail.com](mailto:NancPorter@gmail.com). All other aspects of the Newsletter remain unchanged.

## Book Browsers Committee

The next meeting of the **Book Browsers** will be **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** to discuss *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan.

**Carol Quinn** will lead our discussion at the home of **Jackie Hering**.

## Public Issues CSP

[No Report]

## Member to Member

### Junior Women's Club Consignment Sale

The **Junior Woman's Club of Westminster** will hold their **Annual Everything Children Consignment Sale** on **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. (See the attached flyer.) They need our help!

#### *Here's what you can do:*

- ✓ **Lend a Hand!** Set up is on Thursday, 6-9 pm and Friday, 9 am-8 pm. The sale is on Saturday 6:30 am to 4 pm.
- ✓ **Bake!** or Buy Baked Goods
- ✓ **Shop!** on the day of the sale. They always have excellent selections

#### *Who to Contact*

If you can lend a hand or bake, please let the Consignment Sale organizers know:

Kate Dorsey at [kmilld@yahoo.com](mailto:kmilld@yahoo.com) -or- Annette Joyce at [drjoyce@joycepodiatry.com](mailto:drjoyce@joycepodiatry.com)

#### *Event Details*

**Carroll County Ag Center** *in the Danielle Shipley Arena (the new building)*

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>; 7 am to 2 pm

½ Price SALE - 3:30 - 4:30 pm



## Yearbook Updates

**- 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 Nancy Porter an email at [nancporter@gmail.com](mailto:nancporter@gmail.com) by the newsletter deadline so all of us can update our Yearbooks and other Club lists.

Thank you!

## Newsletter Committee

**Debbie Schaeffer**

Remove

**Nancy Porter**

Add as co-chair

## Next Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **September, 2015** newsletter is **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- ✓ Be sure to read our little **Fine Print Box** at the end of each Newsletter!

### The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminster Newsletter** editors are **Nancy Porter** (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 **Nancy Porter** ([NancPorter@gmail.com](mailto:NancPorter@gmail.com)) by the **25<sup>th</sup> of the month** preceding publication.