

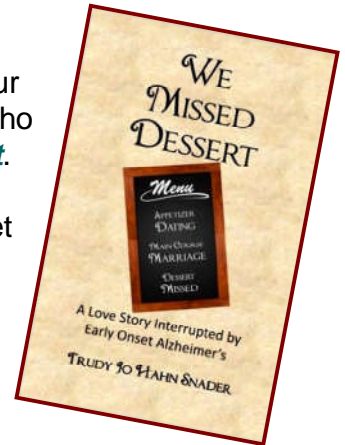


Newsletter: November 2015

November Club Meeting

Our November Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 10th**. Our speaker will be member **Trudy Jo Snader**, (Trudy Hahn in our Yearbook) who will tell us about her book, available on Amazon, called *We Missed Dessert*. In her book, Trudy warmly and very personally discusses adjusting her life and assumptions when someone she held dear suffered from the early onset of Alzheimer's disease.

Hostesses for our November meeting will be the **ARTS CSP**. 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.



Holiday Luncheon

Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be **Tuesday, December 1st** at **11am** at the Portico at St. John's in Westminster, catered by **Harry's Main Street Grille**. Our speaker, **Rosemary Thomas**, Chief Operations Officer of GFWC, will discuss: *Enriching Our Lives as Volunteers*.

Harry's will provide three entrée selections this year, all gluten-free: Tuna, Chicken, or Portobello Mushroom. The cost per person will be **\$35**. You'll find descriptions of the choices on the luncheon flyer below. Our **reservation** deadline is Friday, **November 20th**.

Questions? email **Jan Ober** (Jan7474@aol.com) or **Sue Case** (ssCase1@comcast.net). You can also send your reservation and check to:

Jan Ober
247 Bell Road
Westminster, Maryland 21158

2015-2016 Membership Dues: Reminder

Treasurer **Barb Gunther** reminds us that it is time to **renew your membership to GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.** for the 2015-2016 fiscal year that runs from July 1st through June 30th. We are required to pay State and District dues **by December 1st**, so please get your dues in before then. Dues are as follows:

- ✓ **\$65** Active Members (day and evening)
- ✓ **\$75** Associate Members

You can pay your dues at our November meeting or mail to:

Barb Gunther
933 Hughes Shop Road
Westminster, MD 21158-2928



Fundraising Committee

Silent Auction

Bev Humbert and **Lynn Walter**, co-chairs, report that plans are underway for our **Silent Auction** at our **Holiday Luncheon** in December. This is one of our most valuable fundraising events. Let's make it a fun and profitable day!

Donations Appreciated!

This is **your** chance to spice up the event with **creative** and **interesting donated items**. **Gift cards, jewelry, china, collectibles, new to like-new gift items, Gift Baskets, and baked goods are all welcome.** Please be sure any baked goods or fudge you contribute are packaged for transport home. If you'd like to assemble an auction Gift Basket please let us know. As a courtesy for, tax purposes, we'll provide donation thank you letters to any contributors who request them. We'll have more information at our next meeting.

Send **Bev Humbert** a list of items that you are donating, so that they can be included in the auction catalog. Bev's email address is: beverlycreations47@yahoo.com.

Thanks very much for your willingness to help!

Ornament Sales

Connie Kidder and **Nancy Groft** report that they are talking with the stores in the area to see where the ornaments can be sold. The cost is **\$21** each.

Flea Market

Norma Jean Swam and **Pat Harter** report with cold winds that blew in this weekend fall clean-up has begun!

Our **Flea Market** in September, over Labor Day weekend, was **very successful** thanks to your wonderful contributions of lovely jewelry and many top notch items. People waited in line to purchase jewelry from our many tables. We had the **best money making event!** Thank you for giving such wonderful items.

Fundraising chair, Pat Harter of the Flea Market Extravaganza reminds you to **put aside items for next fall** because this likely will be an annual project for the GFWC.

Remember all the items we didn't sell we donated to the **White Rabbit** and the **Rescue Mission**.

By-Laws Committee

Jackie Hering asks you to review the proposed revisions to our by-laws and send your suggestions or questions to her by the November meeting.



Arts CSP

Festival of Wreaths

Mary Lou Poirier, Martha Wiseman, and JoAnn Barlow will be entering a wreath to represent our club. The *Festival of Wreaths* runs from **November 27th** to **December 6th**.

The **ARTS CSP** has partnered with the **Carroll Arts Center** to help with the Festival by providing volunteers from our club. You need no advance training to volunteer! For the most part, it is manning an information station or concession area for a three-hour shift. If interested, contact **Barbara Humbert** or **Clare Berent**.

Knitting Affinity Group

The knitting group will meet Tuesday, **November 17th** at **Ginny Houser's** house at **1pm**, Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either aeroginny@gmail.com or 410-848-2441.

Other Arts-Related Events

The Arts CSP wants you to know about other arts-related events in our community:

Grand Reopening of Off Track Art Gallery and Gift Shop

Our own **Carolyn Seabolt** is a partner in *Off Track Art*. It is now open from noon to 5pm on Wednesday to Friday and from 10am to 5pm on Saturday – just in time for some Christmas shopping. For more information, call 410-821-7355 or email offtrackartgallery@gmail.com.

Carroll Singers

Barb Humbert is one of the singers in this group. Their Christmas Concert *Christmas Memories* will be held on **November 29th** at **2:30pm** and **November 30th** at **7:30pm** at Westminster High School (1225 Washington Rd, Westminster, MD 21157). Tickets are **\$12** at the door, **\$10** in advance and **\$9** at the door and **\$7** in advance for students. Children under 6 are free. You can get your tickets from a member of the Carroll Singers or at the Carroll Arts Center (91 W. Main Street in Westminster).

Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County

MCCC presents their fall concert, J.S. Bach's *Magnificat in D Major* on Sunday, **November 15th** at **3pm** at Baker Chapel, McDaniel College. Admission is **\$12** or **\$10** in advance from Carroll County Arts Council or online at <http://www.masterworksofcc.org>.

14th Annual Big Band Merry Christmas Concert

This concert, benefiting Access Carroll, will be on Saturday, **December 5th** at **7:30pm** at Westminster High School (1225 Washington Rd, Westminster, MD 21157). (The snow date is Wednesday, December 9th). Advance tickets are **\$12** and are **\$15** at the door. Ticket outlets are Menchey Music, 723 Baltimore Blvd. and Coffey Music, 31 E. Main Street in Westminster and Carroll Arts Center (91 W. Main Street in Westminster).



Education CSP

Used Book Sale

Jackie Hering reports that the committee hopes that the poor participation in the used book sale was due to the many other fundraisers. Please plan to **take time to peruse the collection** at the November meeting. Also, for this fundraiser to continue **we need support from members** to bag and store books.

Book Review

Need suggestions for Christmas gift giving? Then you will want to attend member Jane Sharpe's review of books at **Books Sandwiched In** at 12^{pm} on Thursday, **November 19th** in McDaniel Lounge at McDaniel College. We encourage you to bring a sandwich; McDaniel will provide cookies and drinks.

Dr. Seuss Reading Event

When you get your 2016 calendars please mark Friday, **April 8th** and Monday, **April 11th** for celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. I know his birthday is March 2nd but he is tired of his celebrations being cancelled by snow.

We'll have sign-up sheets at the January meeting.

International Outreach CSP

SERRV

Sally Marks reports that there will **NOT** be any work day at **SERRV** in New Windsor on **November 23rd**.

Food Sunday

Sally also reports that, in observance of **World Food Day**, our Club collected **150 pounds** of food. Thank you so much for your donations!

Home Life CSP

Donations Needed for Safe House

HOME LIFE representatives met with the **Family and Children Services'** new director, **Kelley Rainey**, to discuss items the **Safe House** needs. She prefers we donate items rather than money, so we plan to do **a collection at the November meeting**.

Here are some items that she suggested. Please consider donating what you can:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ✓ Diapers | ✓ Baby Wipes | ✓ Hats (for children) |
| ✓ Underwear | ✓ Shampoo (small bottle) | ✓ Gloves (for children) |
| ✓ Personal Care Products | ✓ Body Wash (small bottle) | |
| ✓ Desitin | ✓ Nylon Wash Puffs | |



Nut Sales

Susan Thomas reports that the nut order has been sent and should arrive shortly before our **November meeting**. If all goes as planned, we will have them at the November meeting. Our profit on the sales is **\$567**. Thanks to everyone who made purchases.

Domestic Violence Council Meetings

Pat Harter reports the Council meetings are scheduled every other month on Wednesdays at the **Non-Profit Building**. The meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **November 18th at 9am**.

GFWC at Domestic Violence Program

Several of our members not only attended the **Domestic Violence Program** held at McDaniel College on October 28th – they also brought yummy things to eat!

Pictured, from left to right: **Mary Dudderar, Dory Shilling, Sue Thomas, Pat Hyde, and Jean Picardi**.



Book Browsers Committee

Carol Quinn reports that Book Browsers will meet Monday, **January 18, 2016 at 10am** at the home of **Jo Harp** to discuss **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion. **Becky Barbour** will lead the discussion. Please let Jo know that you won't be coming if you are a regular attendee.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ BENEFICIARY CSP
- ✓ PUBLIC ISSUES CSP
- ✓ PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

From Ginny

My thanks to **Kathy Rittler** for taking the minutes in Rosemary's absence. I also thank all those who helped in making the Western District Board meeting a success.

Sad News about Our Friend

We are very sorry to note that one of our treasured members has died. Long-time GFWC member **Jane Twigg Willis** died peacefully on **October 13th**. Jane had been a member of our Club **since 1962** and many of us will greatly miss her warm smile, ready support, and her sense of humor. Our community will miss her contributions to the many organizations and causes she supported.

You can read more about Jane at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/carrollcountytimes/obituary.aspx?pid=176106565>.



Member to Member

NEW! Gingerbread Village Festival



Gingerbread House
fundraiser
Benefitting the Programs of HSP

GFWC member **Nancy McCrickard** wants us to know about a new and important project she initiated called **The Gingerbread Village Festival**. The **Human Service Programs (HSP)** of Carroll County will hold this fundraiser to provide money, shelter, and other resources to benefit those in need in our area. The Festival will be held **November 13th – 28th** in the **TownMall** of Westminster in the Sears Court near Santa's House. The reason Nancy chose the **Gingerbread House** theme is to help people become more aware of the plight of those without homes.

So what is the Gingerbread Village Festival? Early this year, Nancy came up with the idea of hosting a **showcase of hand-made Gingerbread Houses** at the TownMall. Families, children, and other mall patrons could view the Gingerbread House masterpieces entered in the contest by individuals and teams of all ages. Patrons could buy tickets (**\$1** each on up to **\$50** for 200) and use the them to **vote** on their favorite entries or to enter a **raffle** to win one of two specially-constructed Gingerbread House prizes (a full-size playhouse or doghouse). There will also be paper Gingerbread Men for sale, scavenger hunts, and other fun activities.

You can read more about this wonderful project online at <http://www.hspinc.org/the-gingerbread-village-festival/> or see the article published October 30th in the **Carroll County Times** <http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/news/local/ph-ad-wf-gingerbread-102815-20151028-story.html>.

Besides attending the Festival, Nancy and her fellow organizers will need lots of volunteer help before, during, and after. Doesn't this fit nicely into our GFWC objective of **Living the Volunteer Spirit?**

For questions or to volunteer, call Nancy at 443-425-7983 or email her at Nancy.McCrickard@WestminsterBrethren.org.

Big Band Merry Christmas! Concert

From **Fran Rock**:

- What **14th Annual Big Band Merry Christmas Concert**
- When **Saturday, December 5th** (snow date: December 9th) **7:30 pm**
- Where Westminster High School
- Features Soloist: **Sarah Barker**
Special guests: **D&J's Dynamite Dance Company**
- Benefits **Access Carroll-Pathways to Health**
- Cost **\$12** (adults) **\$7**(child/student)
- Purchase Access Carroll 410-871-1478 – or –
Fran Rock 410-876-1795



Cleaning for a Reason

Nancy Porter wants to let us all know about a terrific program to help women who are undergoing **chemotherapy**. *Cleaning for a Reason* provides **free housecleaning** once a month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. One of the companies in the Eldersburg area is Immaculate Clean at 5399 Enterprise Street, Suite 2B, Eldersburg, Md. 21784-8405, 420-549-0727. For more information, visit www.cleaningforareason.org.

Carroll County Artists' Studio Tour

Our member **Carolyn Seabolt** will be on the *2015 Carroll County Artists' Studio Tour!*

Take a FREE self-guided tour of some of Carroll County's most respected and accomplished artists' studios on Saturday and Sunday, **December 5th** and **6th**, from **10am to 5pm**. Do the stops in any order or split them up over the weekend. You will see a wide diversity of art from baskets and jewelry to pottery and silk painting. For more information about the Tour and the studio locations go to www.ccArtists.com.

Carolyn's *Cat Tracks Studio* is **stop #8**. The address of her studio is 811 Rolling Ridge Drive, Westminster, MD 21157 (410-848-1452).

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Member Death

Jane Twigg Willis

Address and Membership Type Changes

Betty Jones..... 205 Saint Mark Way Apt 410
Westminster, MD 21158-4118
[no change] 410-848-2688
[no email]
Associate Member

New Member and Committee

In case you missed Linda in our new yearbooks:

Linda Kjeldgaard..... 1911 Trevanion Road
Taneytown, MD 21787
410-756-6289
LindaK@kjeldgaard.com
Member: **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP**



Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **December 2015** newsletter is **Monday, November 23rd**.
- ✓ 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. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Nancy Porter** (NancPorter@gmail.com) by the **25th of the month** preceding publication.



GFWC Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction



GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster
December 1, 2015



Holiday Luncheon Registration Form

Registration Deadline: **November 20th**

Where:

St. John Portico (South)
43 Monroe Street, Westminster



When:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015
catered by Harry's Main Street Grille
Doors open at **11 a.m.** for Silent Auction
Lunch served at **noon**



Program:

Rosemary Thomas
Chief Operations Officer of GFWC,
Enriching our Lives as Volunteers



Cost:

\$35 per person

*** **MENU** ***

Starter:

Festive Seasonal Salad of Mixed Field Greens, Baby Spinach, Tomato, Red Onion, Orange Segments, and Dates, served with lite Vinaigrette

Entrée Choices:

All entrees are **Gluten Free** and will be accompanied by **Apricot Wild Rice, Roasted Brussels-Sprout Slaw, and Rolls & Butter**



- **Asian Inspired Tuna**

- or -

- **Honey Lime-Infused Chicken Breast**

- or -

- **Vegetarian: Portobello Stack** with Fresh Spinach, Tomato, Fresh Herbs, and Pecorino cheese

Dessert:

Holiday Assorted Pastries: Chef's Selection

Beverages:

Coffee, Hot Tea, and Water



Reservation Form for Holiday Luncheon

Reservation Deadline: **Friday, November 20th**

Pay at our November meeting or send to Jan Ober 247 Bell Rd Westminster, Md. 21158

Member/Guest Names	Entrée Selection <i>(served w/ rolls and butter)</i>	Amount
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Total Tendered (cash or check)		\$