



Newsletter: January 2016

January Meeting

Happy New Year!

We'll kick off the New Year at our January business meeting on Tuesday, **January 12th** when our speakers will be **Barb Humbert** and **Clare Berent**, who will be discussing *Community Service through Art*. Our hostesses will be the **CONSERVATION-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.



About Our Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

If you missed our *Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction* this – uh, last year! – you missed a wonderfully fun event. **Jan Ober**, **Sue Case**, and the rest of the **PROGRAM COMMITTEE** provided us with an afternoon of good cheer, smiles, laughter, and camaraderie.

Thanks also to **Beverly Humbert** and **Lynn Walter** for handling the silent auction, which was well-received and profitable for our club. See the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** report for more details.

Our tables were beautifully decorated, the food was delicious, and our speaker was truly a delightful surprise. **Dr. Rosemary Thomas'** presentation was laugh-out-loud funny.

Thanks to everyone involved for making this a memorable event.



Year-End Reports Due in January

Nancy Porter asks that each Community Service Program and Committee Chair submit her year-end report to her by **Friday, January 15th** at the latest. She sent all the Chairs sample reports a couple of months ago that should just need small updates with new items.

Please send your report to her electronically at NancPorter@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Why the Year-End Reports are Important

Nancy will make copies of the reports for our President, Ginny Houser, and include them in our official files for March at the Historical Society. She'll then send the reports to the District, State, and International Headquarters.

The reports will further be used at our **State Convention** in April to determine which of the various Clubs in Maryland should be **recognized for their performance** during the prior year. So we want our marvelous club to shine!





Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman Award

Please start thinking about which of our **club members** you would like to **nominate** as our Club's representative in the **contest for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman**. Our nominee should have worked at both the state or district level and in our local club.



Members who are **ineligible** are: current Executive Committee of the Federation; honorary GFWC-MD presidents; and former recipients of the award.

We'll choose our Club's nominee for Outstanding Maryland Clubwoman at our January meeting. If we select the candidate you nominate, you'll need to write a narrative of up to 500 words about her. Don't worry; we'll be delighted to help you with that task! Our Club's nominee will be expected to attend the State convention in April where the decision will be made as to the winner for the State. Nominations are due by **March 1st**.

LEADS Candidate

Please consider applying to be a **LEADS** (**L**eadership, **E**ducation, and **D**evelopment **S**eminar) candidate. Applications for candidates are due by **February 1st** and must include two letters of recognition.

The candidate **should exhibit**:

- ✓ leadership capabilities
- ✓ commitment to the Federation
- ✓ understanding of community service
- ✓ interest in pursuing higher leadership positions in GFWC

The candidate **may not have**:

- ✓ held an elected positions at or beyond the state level
- ✓ previously attended a LEADS program

Let Ginny know if you want to apply to allow her enough time to arrange for the writing of the two letters of recommendation.



Fundraising Committee

Silent Auction Another Success!

Lynn Walter reports that the **Silent Auction** at our Christmas Luncheon was a wonderful success! Thanks to all who donated and all who bid on items. A special thanks to **Beverly Humbert** who spearheaded this effort.

The auction this year raised over **\$1,700** for our general fund.

Thank you all so much for helping support the Club through your purchases of some of the many lovely items donated to our Silent Auction by our club members!



Arts CSP

Festival of Wreaths

Our Wreath

The Carroll County Arts Council's *Festival of Wreaths* had **181 entries** this year and raised a total of **\$17,000** for the CCAC! The Women's Club wreath, *Nature's Bounty*, sold at the silent auction for **\$65**. Although our entry did not win a prize, we had many compliments on the wreath. Thanks to **JoAnn Barlow**, Chair of the **Wreath Decorating Committee** of the **ARTS CSP** and her committee members, **Martha Wiseman** and **Mary Lou Poirier**, for decorating the wreath.

GFWC Greeters and Guides at the Festival

Ten members of the Arts CSP volunteered to serve as greeters and guides at this year's festival. Executive Director of the CCAC, **Sandy Oxx**, extends her sincere thanks for their help in making the Festival such a success this year.

MD GFWC Art and Photography Exhibit

It is not too early for our artists and photographers to start thinking and planning ahead for this exhibit at the state convention in April as the deadline is **March 1st**. We'll have more details available in the February newsletter.

Next Art Exhibit at Non-Profit Center

The **Exhibit Committee** hopes the next show they've planned called *A Flurry of Artists* won't bring us flurries of snow! We've sent contracts out to the artists and will install the exhibit Monday, **January 18th**.

Knitting Affinity Group

The **Knitting Group** will meet Tuesday, **January 21st** at Ginny Houser's house at **1pm**. Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either AerobicGinny@gmail.com or 410-848-2441.

Education CSP

Dr. Seuss Reading Celebration

Jackie Hering reports that the dates we've chosen to read to **children** in classrooms for our annual *Dr. Seuss Reading Celebration* will be a bit later this year so we avoid the danger of getting snowed out again! Our dates will be Friday, **April 8th** and Monday, **April 11th**. Jackie will have reader sign-up sheets available at the January Board and General meetings. Please check your calendars and **volunteer** if you can. We'll need about **80 readers** and it's always a lot of fun!



Used Book Sale Resumes

Used book sales will resume in January. We need you all to contribute good reads! Also, plan to stock up on your own winter reading needs.



Home Life CSP

New Life for Girls

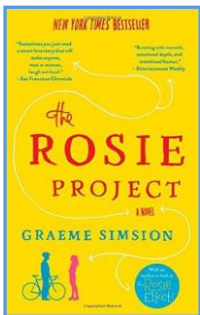
Jean Picardi reports that **HOME LIFE** will be shopping for items for personal gift bags for the **15 residents** at **New Life for Girls** using some of the profit from our nut sales and from our budget.

Jackie Hering and the **EDUCATION CSP** will assist Home Life in providing school supplies, underwear, socks, hats, and gloves for those students in need at Taneytown Elementary School. We are coordinating these donations with a teacher who has a contact at the school.

Publicity Committee

Mary Lou Poirier reports that we will be finalizing our club's **Scrapbook for 2015** in the next month. If there are any awards, letters, pictures, or correspondence that you would like to include in the scrapbook, please give them to **Mary Lou Poirier** or **Nancy Porter**.

Book Browsers Committee



Carol Quinn reminds us all that **BOOK BROWERS** will meet Monday, **January 18th** at **10am** at the home of **Jo Harp** to discuss the **New York Times'** Bestseller **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion. **Becky Barbour** will lead the discussion about this fascinating and often funny story told from the point of view of an adult man with Asperger's Syndrome trying to succeed in dating – or, at least, in managing to find a woman who agrees to a second date with him!

To those who regularly attend Book Browsers: Please let Jo know only if you won't be coming.

Public Issues CSP

Retreat for Cancer Survivors

Fran Rock reminds us all that our support is needed for the **Retreat for Cancer Survivors** on **March 19th - 20th** sponsored by the **Tevis Wellness Center**. We need your help to provide that special touch for the participants!

We hope to gather enough items for **gift bags** for the anticipated **45 survivors**. As you go looking for items, keep in mind that we are collecting the following for the participants at the retreat.

- ✓ Fuzzy Socks
- ✓ Journals
- ✓ Lap Blankets *(small)*
- ✓ Art Supplies *(paints, paint brushes, art paper, canvas, adult coloring books & colored pencils)*

Please bring your donations to our **January** and **February** meetings. Contact **Fran Rock** or **Nancy Heiberg** with questions or to donate items. We greatly appreciate your support!



CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

✓ BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE

✓ INTERNATIONAL CSP

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following change:

Phone Number Correction

Suzanne Albert 410-967-7371 (*corrected number from last month*)

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **February 2016** newsletter is **Monday, January 25th**.
- ✓ We **distribute** our club's newsletter **one week** before each of our general meetings.
- ✓ 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.