



Newsletter: February 2016

February Club Meeting

Jan Ober and **Susan Case**, co-chairs of the **Program Committee**, report a change for the scheduled guest speaker for our Tuesday, **February 9th** meeting. Our speaker will be **Leslie Simmons**, President of **Carroll Hospital**, who has graciously agreed to speak to our group to give us an update on the services and expanded care for people in our community. It should be very informative. Hope to see you then! Our hostesses will be the **Home Life 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.

Special Request: Barbara Peck

Babs Condon, President of GFWC International, requests that we send **Barbara Peck** a birthday card for her **91st** birthday on **February 10th**. Her address is Room 220, Health Care Center, Carroll Lutheran Village, 200 St. Luke Circle, Westminster, MD 21158. Thanks.

GFWC Maryland State Convention

The **117th Annual Convention of the GFWC of Maryland** will be held **April 15th to 18th** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis**.

Read more at: http://www.gfwcmd.org/files/MCW%20Magazine/MCW_Winter2015.pdf; page 25

State Board of Directors Meeting

Ginny Houser reminds all members that the **State Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **February 16th**, at the Bowie Comfort Inn. Southern District is hosting. The speaker, **Irene Spatafore**, is President and Founder of **Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc.** The total cost to attend is **\$29** (\$26 for lunch and \$3 to register). Lunch will be cream of crab soup, quiche with spinach salad, and apple pie a la mode. If you'd like to attend, let **Barb Gunther** know so she can include you in the reservation, due by **February 1st**.

GFWC 2016 Annual Convention – In Baltimore!

The **GFWC Annual Convention** will be in our very own **Charm City** this year! It'll be held **June 25th to June 29th** at the Inner Harbor's **Baltimore Marriott Waterfront**.

See more at: <http://www.gfwc.org/events/2016-annual-convention/>.



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2016 Annual Convention Service Project: **Weinberg Housing and Resource Center**

Ginny Houser asks if you saw this announcement in the **News & Notes** of the **GFWC's Weekly e-Newsletter**. "For our **service project** at the 2016 Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, we are unleashing GFWC's awesome volunteer power on the **Weinberg Housing and Resource Center**."

The article continues:

*Open 24/7, the **Weinberg Housing and Resource Center** [WHRC] is a "low-barrier" shelter, meaning they accept virtually everyone. Not only are basic necessities provided, the WHRC endeavors to assist residents in finding permanent housing through case management and a variety of **life skills** and **empowerment** classes. Nearly 70% of people experiencing homelessness in Baltimore used the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center at some point last year.*

GFWC would like **all of the clubs to help!**

*From now **until the June 2016 Convention**, GFWC Headquarters will be collecting items for Weinberg Housing and Resource Center. During the Convention at the Sisterhood of Service Luncheon on Sunday, June 26, attendees will have the opportunity to help assemble hundreds of bags for the WHRC to pick up. We would prefer that your donations be shipped to GFWC Headquarters prior to June 1 – but Convention attendees are welcome to bring additional items with them if collected or purchased after that date.*

It is very exciting for us, to be near the center of this worthy project! Ginny asks that we each do our part to make this Service Project a success.

How You Can Help

We'll collect your donations over our next three meetings, in **February, March, and April** and will send them on to the GFWC Headquarters. Please donate **new items only**, not used.



What You Can Donate

Items for Toiletry Bags

- Deodorant
- Soap
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Lotions
- Socks
- Underwear
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Shampoo (*travel size*)
- Comb/Brush
- Tissues
- Others as Appropriate

Items for Home Starter Kit

Weinberg has limited space, so they can only store up to 30 starter kits at a time

- Towels
- Sheets
- Air Mattress
- Basic Kitchen Utensils
- Collapsible Laundry Bag

Monetary Donations

GFWC will use any money donated for meal kits attendees will assemble during the convention luncheon.

Read more at: <http://www.gfwc.org/news/2016-annual-convention-service-projects-announced>



Summary of Annual Convention Events Day-By-Day

- Tuesday, March 1 Convention Registration Opens
- Tuesday, March 1 GFWC Room Block at Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Opens
- Tuesday, May 3 Launch of Special Convention Surprise – can you guess what it is?
- Wednesday, June 1 Convention Registration Closes
- Wednesday, June 1 GFWC Room Block at Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Closes
- Saturday, June 25 *Highlights:* LEADS, Star-Spangled Tour, Convention Kickoff Awards Reception and Crab Feast
- Sunday, June 26 *Highlights:* Opening Ceremony, Awards Luncheon, GFWC of Maryland State Night
- Monday, June 27 *Highlights:* Partner Luncheon, Region Banquets
- Tuesday, June 28 *Highlights:* Awards Luncheon, Gala Banquet featuring special guest
- Wednesday, June 29 *Highlights:* Awards Luncheon, Installation Ceremony, Banquet, and Reception
- Thursday, June 30 *Highlights:* Tour Day – Star-Spangled, B&O Railroad, and Great Art Tours

See more at: <http://www.gfwc.org/events/2016-annual-convention/> for more information.

Fundraising Committee

Beverly Humbert reports that on Friday, **March 18th** from **12 noon to 2pm** we will hold a **Tea and Chocolate Tasting from around the World** fundraising event. The cost per person is **\$25** and it will be held at the Westminster Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall located at 1 Park Place in Westminster.



This promises to be a fun – yet intimate – affair with **only 15 reservations available**. Bring your money for registering to our **February** meeting if you plan to join us!

Arts CSP

Maryland Art, Photography, and Needle Art Exhibit

Barbara Humbert reports that time is getting short to register your work in the **Maryland Art and Photography Exhibit** at the **GFWC Maryland Convention** on **April 15th to 18th**. The deadline for registering is **March 1st**. You register by filling out the entry card on page 16 in the **MD Clubwoman** (or online at http://www.gfwcmd.org/files/MCW%20Magazine/MCW_Winter2015.pdf) and mailing it to the Chairperson.

You must have completed your Art and Needle Art entries within the past two years and your Photographs within the contest year. You'll find the rules and categories on pages 16-17.

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

Flurry of Artists

This **current art exhibit** is a beautiful show **featuring nine artists** and will run until **March 31st**. We are excited about this exhibit because it is so **diversified**, both with **mixed media** with such a **range of artist backgrounds**, from one who has painted for 50 years to a young, talented 18 year old.

Take time to look around during our next couple of meetings.



Knitting Affinity Group

The Knitting Group will meet Tuesday, **February 23rd** at Ginny Houser's house at **1pm**. Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either AerobicGinny@gmail.com or [410-848-2441](tel:410-848-2441).

Education CSP

Easter Literacy Baskets

Jackie Hering reports that the **Education Community Service Program** is planning to fill **12 Easter Literacy Baskets** for **Shepherd's Staff**. Please bring your **monetary donations** to this project to our February and March meetings.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Jackie Hering also reminds us 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 **February meeting**. 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 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 CSP

SERRV

Sally Marks reports that reports that **International Outreach** members will be volunteering at **SERRV** on **February 29th**. Please let Sally know if you are coming so that she can include you in the lunch count.

Heifer International Collection

Sally Marks has designated **February** 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.

Please bring your **monetary donations** to the February meeting.





Home Life CSP

Cooking Lesson

Mary Dudderar and Jean Picardi ask that you please plan to attend the **Cooking Lesson Luncheon** on **April 6th** offered by the Culinary Arts Program (CCCTC) in the Café at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center.

This fun event is a fund raiser for our Club and we share the profits with the Culinary Arts Program. [CCCTC is located at 1229 Washington Road in Westminster, next to the High School. See more at: <http://www.carrollk12.org/ctc/programs/business/culinary/default.asp>]

The cost will be **\$30** per person and we'll sell tickets at our **February** meeting. We'll have more details on the menu later.



Mock Job Interviews

We are working on plans to do the **Mock Job Interviews** with clients at **Mosaic Vocational** program in March. We will need your help to make this program a success. We will let you know the date at the **February** meeting.

Publicity Committee

We hear in your meeting reports of some of your wonderful projects – but they aren't getting the recognition and publicity that they deserve!

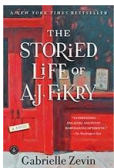


The **Publicity Committee** reminds you to get in touch with either **Mary Lou Poirier** or **Nancy Porter** when your program has an **event** or makes an in-person **donation** to an organization. **Let us know what you're doing and when** so that we can arrange to support you with pictures and maybe a story.

Even if it's "just" an assembly project, like putting together backpacks for Shepherd Staff or gift bags for Cancer Survivors, we'd love to give you the chance to **share** your hard work and experiences with us all.

So let us know, and we will do our best to be there to take a photograph or two showcasing the **Volunteer Spirit** of so many of our members!

Book Browsers Committee



Carol Quinn reports that **Book Browsers** will meet Monday, **February 15th** at 10am at the home of **Betty Mathias** to discuss **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry** by Gabrielle Zevin. **Gini Bosse** will lead the discussion. To those who regularly attend: Please let Betty know that you won't be coming.



Public Issues CSP

Retreat for Cancer Survivors

Fran Rock says thank you to all who have donated thus far to the **Cancer Survivor's Retreat** to be held in March! We still need of several items for the gift bags for the attendees.

If you would like to help here are the items we still need:

- journals
- adult coloring books
- colored pencils or crayons
- paint brushes
- water colors
- fuzzy socks or slippers

Please only send in **new items**. For questions contact **Fran Rock** or **Nancy Heiberg**.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ Beneficiary CSP

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Name, Address, and Phone Number Changes

Barbara Peck..... Room 220 Health Care Center (new room number)
 Carroll Lutheran Village
 200 St. Luke Circle
 Westminster, MD 21158

Resignations

Doris Chambers..... moved to Baltimore

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **March, 2016** newsletter is **Thursday, February 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.