



## Newsletter: April 2016

### April Club Meeting

Our April meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** when our speaker will be **Brian DeLeonardo**, Carroll County State's Attorney. Our hostesses will be the **PUBLIC ISSUES 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 **nametag** and to **carpool** if you can.

### Spring Luncheon Coming Right Up!

Can't you just feel and smell that spring is in the air! Our **SPRING Luncheon** always gives us something to look forward to during the last dreary days of winter.

#### Where and When

Next meeting, we'll hold our annual **SPRING Luncheon** on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** this year in Krug Chapel and Auditorium at **Carroll Lutheran Village**. Doors open at **11:30am** and we'll be served lunch at noon. Please consider traveling in carpools and arrive early so that parking will not be a problem. We welcome guests!

#### Cost, Meals, and Registration

The cost per person is **\$35**.

We have three entrées for you to choose from this year:

- ✓ Crab Cake;
- ✓ Pork; or
- ✓ Eggplant

See the sign-up form at the end of this newsletter and the flyer attached for more details.

The **PROGRAM COMMITTEE** will take your reservations at our **April** meeting. Or you can send your reservation directly to **Jan Ober** at 247 Bell Road, Westminster, MD 21158.

The deadline for registering – **with payment** – is Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, one week before the luncheon. Late reservations will cost **\$38**.

#### Speaker and Program

We are honored that our speaker will be **Babs Condon**, long-time member and former President of our club, now **President of GFWC International!** She will talk about her GFWC experiences with **Living the Volunteer Spirit**, especially during this past year of emphasis on volunteering.

Babs always has something special to offer and is a huge inspiration to us all. You won't want to miss what she has to share with us about her many experiences serving in this prestigious and extensive role.



## Special Report: Serving at GFWC Headquarters

Our stellar member **Norma Jean Swam** shares with us her experience with and thoughts about her service as an **Honorary Assistant** at **GFWC International Headquarters**.

*Over the past year and a half, many of you have asked me what it is like being an assistant at GFWC Headquarters.*

*This past month, from March 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, was our last time to serve. Sue O'Dell, Lisa Close, Trish Wagman (our "Cinderella Team"\* leader), and I prepared meals for 14 to 24 people throughout the week. We had extra help from other GFWC Clubwomen for the Women's History brunch reception on March 10<sup>th</sup>, held for about 60 ladies. Patti Jo Green (of the Junior Woman's Club of Westminster) joined us on the weekend.*

*\*We call ourselves CINDERELLA TEAM because we spend so much time in the kitchen!*

*Our typical day begins in the tiny galley Kitchen at 9am, where we **prepare and cook** the food for the various events coming up that day. At 10:30, we serve a **morning snack** to the Executive Committee in the Board Room. We serve **lunch** at around 12:30, usually a sit down affair for 9 to 16 people in the Dining Room. We bring the **afternoon snack** to the Board Room around 3:30. Meetings last until about 5pm. **Cocktail hour** begins at 6pm and we serve **dinner** at 6:30pm. After serving, we **clean up** and leave the kitchen between 9 and 10pm! We make many of the items served from scratch and have fun trying many new recipes.*

*Meeting many other clubwomen from all over the United States and abroad has been wonderful for us all. For example, we attended a State Department briefing at our last visit!*

*It has been a challenge, hard work, and an honor to serve **Babs Condon** in her role as International President. She has done an outstanding job of service and leadership in her presidency and made inroads with politicians, corporations, and our signature causes.*

*I will be attending the Baltimore Convention in a dual-capacity this year: as an Honorary Assistant of GFWC International and as your Co-President for 2016-2017.*



## 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. Read more at:

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

### 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 the meal kits that the attendees will assemble during the convention luncheon.



## Arts CSP

### Knitting Affinity Group

The Knitting Group will meet Tuesday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, at Ginny Houser's house at **1pm**. Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either [AerobicGinny@gmail.com](mailto:AerobicGinny@gmail.com) or 410-848-2441.

### Meltdown Activity

Plan to have fun on **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at the **Meltdown** at 25 E. Main Street from **5pm – 8pm** when parking will be easy. The **ARTS CSP** invites club members and their guests to enjoy each other's company while participating in a no-fail art project while partaking of refreshments. The Meltdown is working with us to provide a unique and fulfilling experience with a choice of projects like ceramics, wine glass, canvas, and fused glass (which is very beautiful and popular).

Everybody can be an artist at Meltdown! You are welcome to drop by to preselect the kind of project you want to work on.

The cost per person is **\$10** plus the cost of materials. Sign up with **Janice Hobart** at [JaniceHobart@gmail.com](mailto:JaniceHobart@gmail.com) or at our club meeting, where we'll have handouts available.

### New Art Exhibit

Plan to look around at the new exhibit, **Spring into Art**, installed on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>, that showcases work of **ten local artists**.

## Education CSP

### Easter Literacy Buckets

**Jackie Hering** calls out a huge Thank You! for the generous donations of members for the Easter Literacy buckets for Shepherd's Staff – we collected **\$196!** Jackie enjoyed shopping for the contents for six additional buckets. Members filled and delivered 18 buckets for the children to enjoy.

### Used Book Tables

The used book tables will be open in April, with many new titles available to choose from. The **EDUCATION CSP** will need to evaluate this fund-raiser for next year: we'll need more help to transport and store the books if we are to continue this member benefit and fund-raiser. Jackie's car trunk was filled with **nine bags plus the cart** when she left the March meeting! Clearly, that's more than just one person can be expected to handle.

## Book Browsers Committee

**Carol Quinn** reports that Book Browsers will meet **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at **10am** at the home of **Trinka Cueman** to discuss **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr. **Pat Harter** will lead the discussion.

Please let Trinka know only if you won't be coming.



## International Outreach CSP

### SERRV

**Sally Marks** reports that International Outreach members will be volunteering at **SERRV** on **April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please let Sally know if you are coming so that she can include you in the lunch count.

### HEIFER

Sally thanks you all for your contributions at our March meeting. We collected **\$423** as the Club's contribution to **Heifer International!**

## Home Life CSP

**Mary Dudderer** submitted the following report about the **HOME LIFE CSP**.

### Cooking Lesson Luncheon

Our thanks to everyone who is coming to the **Cooking Lesson Luncheon** at the Career and Technology Center on **Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget that it starts at **11:30**. Also remember **you need a license or picture ID to get into the school**.

### Mock Interviews with the Carroll County Job Placement Network (JPN)

**HOME LIFE** and other club members are participating in Carroll County Job Placement Network (JPN) **Mock Interviews** at the Business and Employment Resource Center (BERC) on **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This Mock Interview Program is greatly expanded from those we've done exclusively with **Mosaic Community Program** in past years. We'll have job-seekers from Mosaic and those who are receiving services from BERC. And it won't be only our club's volunteers interviewing the clients: various Carroll County Employers will also be conducting the interviews.

These exciting changes give us a great opportunity for our GFWC Club to be seen in the community providing a valuable service.

## Publicity Committee

### Westminster's Memorial Day Parade

**Mary Lou Poirier** reports that **Westminster's 149<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade** will be held on **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **10am** on Pennsylvania Avenue. It will end on Church Street at approximately 11am with a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony.

Wear your patriotic colors and wave the flag as we march, walk, or ride through downtown Westminster in an old-fashioned, hometown parade.

Please sign up to **participate** at the April or May meeting. We also need **cars** (convertibles or other standout vehicles would be wonderful!) and **drivers**, so if you can provide a car and driver, let us know. On our sign-up sheets, you can indicate if you can provide a vehicle and whether you'd prefer to ride or walk. We'll provide additional details to those who sign up. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, call or email Mary Lou.



### Yearbook Photos

**Mary Lou Poirier** reports that she'll be emailing members soon giving to let them know the **date and time of their photo shoot** at the Nonprofit Center. She'll notify members without email by phone or by regular mail.

If you have not already done so, please check your email or mail for the date and time Mary Lou has scheduled for you and **respond ASAP** to either **confirm** your assigned time or, if need be, to **reschedule**.

### CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE
- ✓ FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
- ✓ PUBLIC ISSUES CSP

### Junior Women's Club of Westminster (JWC)

*We periodically get updates about the activities of the Junior Woman's Club (JWC), the younger subset of our GFWC Westminster. So we've started this section of our newsletter just for such updates. You may find us referring to "The Juniors," but that would make us "The Seniors" – and I refuse to go there! We'll try to use "JWC" when updating you about this fine group of young women and their marvelous work.*

### Important Film About Violence Between Intimate Partners

**Leslie Crebs**, chair of the **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE** of the JWC, asks us to come out and support the JWC on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Carroll Arts Center at **6pm** for the screening of **Escalation**. This is an eye-opening film about **violence between intimate partners**, geared to high school and college students but important to people of all ages. *"It would be awesome to have your club members attend and encourage their children and grandchildren to attend."*

After the film, there'll be an open discussion focusing on **how to recognize the signs** of relationship abuse and let you know about the **services available** in Carroll County. We'll also address **what you can do to help** stop relationship violence.

You can register at [OneLove21157@gmail.com](mailto:OneLove21157@gmail.com). See the attached flyer for more information.

#### About the Film

**Escalation** was made by **The One Love Foundation**, which was started **when Sharon Love's** daughter, Yeardley Love, was murdered by her college boyfriend. Ms. Love spoke at the Junior Day at the GFWC convention three years ago. The film depicts a college relationship from the beginning to the tragic end.

#### About the JWC Domestic Violence Committee

Members of the **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE** have been working with the Carroll County States Attorney's office and Family and Children's Services on this project. They are jointly sponsoring the screening of **Escalation**.



## Member to Member

### Wellness Boutique: Open House

Peruse **wigs and head coverings**, view **mastectomy apparel**, learn valuable information about the **care of wigs**, and discover the wide range of **resources available** to us for coping with cancer recovery in Carroll County. At the **Wellness Boutique** you can do all that – plus, you can pickup **exciting giveaways!**

The Open House is on **Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, from **3-6pm**. All are welcome and you need not preregister! Join us at the East Pavilion, 291 Stoner Avenue, Westminster. See the attached flyer for more information.

### West End Place: Elder Services Open House

Are you, or anyone you know, getting older, perhaps entering (or already firmly within!) the category we call “elder”? Want to learn more about programs to help with the elderly?

**Jean Picardi** writes about an upcoming **Open House** at the **West End Place** on **Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** from **2 to 7pm**. The West End Place, a division of Family and Children's Services (FCS), provides an array of services for the elderly, including **medical adult day care**. The address is 7 Schoolhouse Avenue in Westminster. Call 410-848-2433 for more information or visit FCS's website at [www.FCSmd.org](http://www.FCSmd.org). We've attached a flyer with more details.

### The Arts Promote Several Spring Concerts

#### Carroll Live on Stage Special Offer

Attend **both Spring Concerts** for only **\$35**.

#### **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm**

- ✓ **The Young Irishers**, featuring former members of **Riverdance** and **Lord of the Dance**

#### **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm**

- ✓ **The Fabulous Hubcaps**, a favorite oldies band.

#### Carroll Singers Presents

Revel in the music of **Andrew Lloyd Webber's Music of the Night** on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **7:30pm**.

Tickets are **\$10** in advance and **\$12** at the door.

Get your advance tickets at the Arts Council, Coffey, or Menchey Music, or from Club members.



## Carroll Hospital Auxiliary

### Fashion Show

**Barb Gunther** wants to be sure we all know that the **Carroll Hospital Auxiliary** is hosting its annual **Fashion Show** on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Martin's Westminster** from **11am to 2pm**. The cost is **\$40** per person.

The hospital is holding three tables for our club; we have **seven tickets left**. Please check your schedule to see if you can attend this worthwhile and fun event. Email Barb at [bGunther933@comcast.net](mailto:bGunther933@comcast.net) to hold a seat for you and possibly a friend, or call her at the numbers listed below. Also if you would like to be seated near someone, also let Barb know. She's putting together a seating chart to give to the hospital.

### Fantastic Raffle!

Win **\$900** in gift cards to area **local restaurants!**

Barb will have raffle tickets for this great prize available at our **April** meeting. Each ticket costs **\$5** – or you can get three tickets for only **\$10**. This is a great opportunity not only to partake of the food at some marvelous restaurants, but also for you to share with or give to friends!

You gotta play to win! Our winner will be announced at the Fashion Show, although you need not be present to win. Please see Barb Gunther (contact information below).

### The Auxiliary's Fundraising Goal

We're excited that the funds we raise this year will be used for a much-needed upgrade in **technology**: the purchase of a **state-of the-art, portable, digital-image x-ray machine**. This machine will provide digital imaging instantaneously and can be used throughout the entire hospital – which will enhance and improve both the diagnosis and treatment for so many patients!

The above fundraisers, along with others the auxiliary holds, will help us the raise the money to meet our 2016 goal of **\$350,000!**

### Contact

Barbara Gunther  
410- 857-7427 (home)  
410- 596-6118 (cell)  
[bGunther933@comcast.net](mailto:bGunther933@comcast.net) (email)





## Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

### New Members

We heartily welcome our newest member to **GFWC Westminster**:

**Lorraine Stoner** ..... 733 Washington Road  
Westminster, MD 21157  
Phone Number: 410-876-7915  
Cell phone: 410-259-6020  
[LStoner733@comcast.net](mailto:LStoner733@comcast.net)

### Email Address Changes

Carolyn Seabolt ..... [CatTracksStudio@gmail.com](mailto:CatTracksStudio@gmail.com)  
Nancy McCrickard..... [NancyMcCrickard1329@gmail.com](mailto:NancyMcCrickard1329@gmail.com) *still uses the old one, too*  
Tata Welliver..... no more email

### Resignations

Anna Chiavacci..... moving to Delaware

## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **May** newsletter is Wednesday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- ✓ 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](mailto:NancPorter@gmail.com)) by the **25<sup>th</sup> of the month** preceding publication.*



# GFWC **SPRING** Luncheon 2016

*GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster*

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registration Deadline: May 5<sup>th</sup> \***

*\*Late Registrations will be charged an additional fee of **\$3***

Where: ..... Carroll Lutheran Village Krug Chapel and Auditorium  
300 St. Luke Circle; Westminster, MD 21158

<http://CLVillage.org/how-to-find-us/>

When: ..... Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch served at noon

Program:..... **Babs Condon**, President of GFWC International

**TBD**

Price:..... **\$35**

**\*\*\*\*\* Menu \*\*\*\*\***

Starter:..... **Green Spring Salad**

Entrée Choices:..... **Jumbo Lump Crab Cake** served on a bed of Frisee, with Quinoa Pilaf and Asparagus drizzled with Lemon Vinaigrette

..... **-or-**

**Roasted Pork** with Cherry Sauce, with Quinoa Pilaf and Asparagus drizzled with Lemon Vinaigrette

..... **-or-**

**Eggplant Napoleon** with Buttered Pasta and Asparagus drizzled with Lemon Vinaigrette

Dessert:..... **Key-Lime Cheesecake**

Beverages:..... Coffee Service

**Reservation Form for **SPRING** Luncheon**

Bring to the **April** club meeting or **mail to:**

Jan Ober at 247 Bell Rd Westminster, MD 21157

Member/Guest Names	Entrée Selection	Amount
	<input type="checkbox"/> Crab Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Crab Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Crab Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Crab Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant	\$
	<b>Total Tendered</b> (cash or check)	\$