



## Newsletter: November 2016

### November Club Meeting



Autumn leaves continue to fall and we rack our brains about casting our votes on Election Day, which happens to coincide with our November meeting on Tuesday, **November 8<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a **Business Meeting** presided over by **Barb Humbert**. Our speaker will be **Rosemary Thomas**, who will address the **Leadership Training Conference** and conduct a workshop on volunteering. Our hostesses will be the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**.

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.

### Parking Notice: Westminster Crossing Plaza

Be aware that we can still park on the **Westminster Crossing Plaza** parking lot across from the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard, even though a *No Parking* sign has been posted on that lot. **We have permission to park there** periodically as long as vehicles are not left in the lot for extensive periods of time. Remember: the Westminster Crossing Plaza administration does not take responsibility for any cars that are parked in that lot.

### Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

You still have time to make reservations for our **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction** on Tuesday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Westminster Elks Club Lodge**. Our guest speaker will be our very own **Maryl Harshey** who will share with us her experience of sharing **Christmas With the Mafia**, sure to be a fun story to enjoy together. We are pleased that the cost per person to attend will still be **\$35**.



We've attached a Reservation Form with all the details about the event. Contact **Jan Ober** ([jan7474@aol.com](mailto:jan7474@aol.com); 410-876-6958) if you have any questions. Remember that the deadline to make reservations is Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Dues

**Barb Gunther** reminds us that dues are still open for some members! If you will not be attending the November meeting, kindly send your dues to Barb's home address at: 933 Hughes Shop Road, Westminster, MD 21158. Or call her at 410-857-7427 (landline) or 410-596-6118 (cell).

### Home Life CSP

A simple reminder to keep vigilant:

What you don't KNOW can HURT her.  
What you LEARN can HELP her.  
What you DO can SAVE her.



## A Message from Our Presidents: Barbara Humbert and Norma Jean Swam

### Reaching Out to Make a Difference

Fall is a very busy time for all of our members: attending candlelight vigils for Domestic Violence, selling ornaments at Harvest Days, purchasing items at Boscov's, collecting "stuff" for the purple bags, and trying to find time to enjoy the crisp, cool days of autumn!!

As we look forward to the next few months, let us be aware of the many opportunities available to make a difference in the lives of another. Try to share the kindness we speak of in our COLLECT:

- ✓ Send a note or card to a friend.
- ✓ Treat someone to lunch.
- ✓ Pay it forward at a restaurant.
- ✓ Spend time with a shut-in.
- ✓ Buy a book for a child.
- ✓ Email or call someone you haven't heard from for a while.
- ✓ Encourage a friend who sews to make one of the sundresses.
- ✓ Invite a friend to our next meeting!



Receiving the *Philanthropic Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award* honors all of you who have displayed *Living the Volunteer Spirit* over the years. We are honored to serve as your Presidents this year and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

### GFWC Maryland: Reconsidering Districts

Norma Jean and Barbara report that the *Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee* (SLRP) of *GFWC Maryland* circulated a **survey** to be completed by each member. To date, only 54 of the 1,300 members have done so. The proposals are to consolidate districts, leave the districts unchanged, or eliminate districts altogether. Because the questions represent fundamental changes to our Federation, Norma Jean and Barbara urge us all to look at the attached letter and come prepared to vote on the ballots they will provide us at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.

### LEADS Candidate

Applications for candidates for **LEADS** (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar) are due by **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2017. The candidate should be a person who demonstrates leadership capabilities, exhibits a commitment to the Federation, exhibits an understanding of community service, exhibits an interest in pursuing higher leadership positions in GFWC, has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level, and has not previously attended a LEADS program. Please consider applying to be a candidate.

Let Norma Jean or Barb know if you want to apply, since two letters of recommendation have to accompany the application.



## Fundraising Committee

### Silent Auction Donations Needed

**Bev Humbert** reminds us that the **Holiday luncheon and Silent Auction** are just around the corner. The **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** continues to accept new to “like-new” items for the auction. Donated baked goods will be appreciated as well. Please be prepared to offer an idea of what you might be able to donate for the auction so it can be listing in the upcoming auction catalogue. If you are willing to approach any retailer in the community for a donation, please see Bev for a thank-you letter.

### Holiday Ornament Available

The **2016 Holiday Ornament** of the *Almshouse* has arrived.

The Almshouse is located on the grounds of the Carroll County Farm Museum. For 114 years, the Almshouse provided shelter and care for the poor and needy of Carroll County and today is available for tours to help highlight the centuries-old agricultural heritage of our county.

The ornament will be available at the next several meetings for the cost of **\$20**. It should also be available during the last week of October at local retailers around the community. You will find them at the Farm Museum, Historical Society, McDaniel College Bookstore, the Carroll Arts Center, and the Antique Mall. They make wonderful gifts for the holidays!

## Arts CSP

**Clare Berent** reports the following:

### Boscov's Shopping Pass Fundraiser

The **ARTS CSP** thanks everyone for all the support given during the Boscov's Helping Hands fundraising event held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We feel it was a worthwhile event and it was fun to see so many members using their Shopping Passes that day. We'll have the total figures for how much money we earned through this fundraiser later.

### Arts CSP Meeting

The **ARTS CSP** will meet briefly after the club meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Festival of Wreaths

**Barbara Vranj** wants us to know that we have a wonderful opportunity to get into the holiday spirit while serving our community. The *Carroll County Arts Counsel's* 19th annual **Festival of Wreaths** will be running from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>. They need volunteers like you! The Council will assign each volunteer to a room where you will be seated behind a table while you watch over the wreaths and enjoy decorations you didn't have to hang. This fun event is sure to start your Holidays with a smile!





See the volunteer shifts available for volunteering at the Arts Council at <http://ccac.ivolunteer.com>. Generally, the shifts are:

- ✓ 10am-1pm
- ✓ 1pm-4pm
- ✓ 4p.m.-7p.m

Be among the first to sign up to ensure you obtain the day and time you prefer. If you don't feel comfortable volunteering electronically, call Barbara at 410-374-3308 and she will register you or you can call the Arts Council directly at 410-848-7272

### Carroll Singers Concert

There's an early holiday concert, *On This Winter Night* by the *Carroll Singers* on Monday and Tuesday, **November 28<sup>th</sup>** and **29<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30pm at Westminster High School. Tickets are available at the Carroll Arts Center, Menchey Music, or at the door.

### Education CSP

**Jackie Hering** says: WIN, WIN, **WIN!** Do some Christmas shopping and raise funds for the **EDUCATION SERVICE PROGRAM**. Order new or renew current magazine subscriptions and the Club will receive a whopping **40%** of the total order!

The list of available titles was attached to the October newsletter and we'll have a few copies of the catalogue at the Executive Board meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the Club meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Your order should include the recipient's name and address, magazine title, code number, and price, and a check (or cash) made out to Nancy Porter. Gift cards are also available. Members of the Education CSP will be glad to answer your questions.



### Used Books – Last Chance in 2016!

November will be your last opportunity to purchase used books until the January meeting.

### Books for Giving

Mark your calendars to see more ideas for Christmas giving! On Thursday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>** at noon, Club member **Jane Sharpe** will review adult and children's books at *Books Sandwiched In* in the McDaniel Lounge at McDaniel College. You may bring lunch and cookies and beverages will be served.

### International Outreach CSP

#### Carroll County Food Sunday

**Linda Kjeldgaard** reports that **Sally Marks** was excited to deliver over **160 pounds** of non-perishable foods and items to *Carroll County Food Sunday!* Members also donated **\$25**. This is more than has been contributed in recent years, so we are thrilled at your generosity!

#### Little Dress

The *Little Dress Project* is going full steam. The dresses will be going to Guatemala in early December, so time is ticking away! Dinah has more kits available if you would like to be involved in sewing.



## Heifer Project

November is **Heifer Project** donation month. We'll have gift cards and catalogs at the meeting.

As an extra incentive to you for making donations: Heifer works with over 30,000 farmers in **Haiti**, where 145mph winds, heavy rain, and dangerous storm surges have already displaced over 10,000 people. This looks to be **the biggest disaster in Haiti since the 2010 earthquake**. Please consider making a donation to help Haiti through the Heifer Project.

## SERRV

We've put SERRV volunteer time on hold. Please wait for a call or email for when we will be working again. If you would like to visit the shop, it is now open from Tuesday thru Saturday each week. Great alternative fair trade gifts for Christmas!

## Public Issues CSP

### Survival Satchels



**Robyn Allers** and **Dottie Piper** thank all who signed up at our October meeting to help with the **Survival Satchel Project** to benefit domestic violence victims. **Kelly Rainey** and **Brenda Harkavy** are beyond grateful for the work our Club is doing and love your generous volunteer spirit!

If, after that meeting, you took purple satchels, please let Robyn know how many you took. Email her at [rallers@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:rallers@mcdaniel.edu) or let her know at the November meeting.

### What to Put In the Satchels

You need NOT fill each bag with ALL items listed below; clients have different needs, so any of the items listed will surely be appreciated.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                      | <b>Personal Care Items</b>  |                             |
| ▪ Shampoo            | ▪ Soap: hand and body       | ▪ Feminine hygiene products |
| ▪ Conditioner        | ▪ Hand sanitizer            | ▪ Wash cloths               |
| ▪ Face wash          |                             |                             |
|                      | <b>Household Items</b>      |                             |
| ▪ Laundry powder     | ▪ Paper products            | ▪ Cleaning supplies         |
| ▪ Dryer sheets       | ▪ Soap: Dish and dishwasher |                             |
| ▪ Disinfectant wipes |                             |                             |
|                      | <b>Clothing</b>             |                             |
| ▪ Winter hats        | ▪ Gloves                    | ▪ Scarves                   |
|                      | <b>Nonperishable Food</b>   |                             |
| ▪ Canned veggies     | ▪ Peanut butter & jelly     | ▪ Noodles                   |
| ▪ Spaghetti sauce    | ▪ Granola bars              | ▪ Hamburger Helper          |
| ▪ Rice               | ▪ Fruit snacks              |                             |



## Where to Deliver the Filled Satchels

### *Filled by Individuals*

If you will be filling bags yourself, you can bring them with you to the next Club meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> to give to Public Issues to deliver them. If you will not be attending the November meeting, you can drop them at Robyn's house or Dottie Piper's.

### *Filled by Other Groups*

We encourage you to take the satchels with you to other organizations to which you belong – the more volunteers we have working on this worthy project the better! Please return the satchels to any of the organizations listed on the card attached to the bag if possible.

## Monetary Contributions

If you gave Robyn cash at the last meeting, she thanks you! **PUBLIC ISSUES** will use these funds (about **\$150!**) to purchase larger items, such as linens.

## Receipts

If you would like a receipt from Treasurer, **Barb Gunther**, for your tax purposes, please attach your receipts to a sheet of paper with your name, address, and a description of the items you purchased or the cash donation you made and bring it to the November meeting.

## Questions?

Call Robin at 410-857-2221 or Dottie at 410-751-7187 if you have any questions.

## Book Browsers Committee

**BOOK BROWSERS** will not be meeting in November, December, or January, but will resume in February 2017. We hope our members enjoy their holidays!

## CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ **BY LAWS COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **CONSERVATION CSP**
- ✓ **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**
- ✓ **JWC**
- ✓ **YEARBOOK UPDATES**

## Member to Member

### The Big Band Merry Christmas Concert

Fran Rock invites us all to a **Big Band Merry Christmas Concert**, featuring the Carroll County Jazz Ensemble, at **7:30 pm** on Saturday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Westminster High School. The tickets cost **\$12** each for adults and **\$7** for children and students. Proceeds benefit **Access Carroll**. Make your check payable to Access Carroll, Inc. and send to Fran or contact Fran at [FrancesRock@hotmail.com](mailto:FrancesRock@hotmail.com) or 410-876-1795. See <http://www.accesscarroll.org/big-band-merry-christmas-concert/> for more information.





## Mistletoe Mart



**Nancy Griesmyer** will be selling admission tickets to this year's Mistletoe Mart at the November meeting if anyone would like to buy a ticket in advance to avoid the lines to get in, since this is such a popular event. She reports:

The 43rd **Annual Mistletoe Mart** will be held on **November 10th, 11th, and 12th** at the **Ascension Episcopal Church** (23 North Court Street, in Westminster). There will be **over 50 juried crafts** and unusual gift shops, a café serving delicious lunches and dinners, a tea room, and a country store. This year there are also some newcomers! Several new jewelry vendors, a new Christmas ornament vendor, and a new wood crafts vendor will have items to dazzle us!

The **hours** on Thursday and Friday November 10th and 11th are 10am to 8pm and Saturday November 12th from 10am to 4:30pm. Admission is **\$7** for adults and **\$1** for children under the age of 12. If you keep your registration card, it will get you in **all three days** of the Mart, so you can come and go as you like.

## Member Birthdays this Month

Join us in celebrating the birthdays of these fine fellow club-women:

Kathleen Hutzell.....November 4  
Maryl Harshey .....November 6  
Dolly Snyder.....November 6

Dottie Piper..... November 9  
Jean Picardi..... November 23

## Update from the Editors

We have settled on the **23<sup>rd</sup> of the month as the standard deadline** for Chairs and members to submit their news for inclusion in our monthly newsletters. We chose that date to minimize the amount of time between when you must submit your news and when we actually distribute the newsletter. Using the 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be only a 10-day lag between your report and the newsletter distribution, on average.

So starting this month, news you'd like to have included in the newsletter will be due to **Debbie Schaeffer** by the **23<sup>rd</sup>** of the month. **Becky Barbour** will distribute the newsletter to our members on or before the Monday a week before our meetings.

## Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **December 2016** newsletter is **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</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 **Debbie Schaeffer** (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 Monday** of the month, or one week and a day before each of our meetings. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Debbie Schaeffer** (m-dschae@comcast.net) by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of the month** preceding publication.